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WEATHER
Today: Sunny
High 50, Low 28
Saturday: Partly Cloudy
High 50, Low 30
Sunday: Mostly Sunny
High 50, Low 30

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Divinity Security Threatened by Trespasser

BY RUTH L. TISDALE
Editor-in-Chief

Tracy Brown and other students in the School of Divinity have complained about the lack of security and feared for their safety.

An intoxicated man entering the school without resistance on Monday validated their fears.

According to professor of Divinity Frederick Ware, at approximately 10:30 p.m., he saw a gentleman wandering the halls of the Divinity school and he knew that the suspect was not a student.

Alarmed by the presence of the suspect, Ware went outside to alert the campus police officer on duty of a stranger in the building.

Ware said that he had to knock hard on the glass of the unmarked car that the officer was in because the officer was asleep.

"When the officer woke up, he seemed kind of bothered by the fact that I had woken him up and he was hesitant to go upstairs," Ware said.

By the time the officer responded to Ware, the suspect had moved from the halls of the schools to the third floor of the building, where Brown and other Divinity students live.

The suspect knocked on the door of senior Divinity student VaNatta Ford and asked her to take him to Gaithersburg, Md.

"I was scared because I normally keep my door open for my friends," Ford said. "If the guy had a gun, I would have been dead."

The sleeping officer, later identified as Gregory Burroughs, arrested the suspect and the suspect was taken to the Metropolitan Police Department's fifth precinct.

For residents of Mays Hall, security issues have long been a major problem for the dorm.

Senior Divinity student Tannika Cox, who witnessed the incident, said this incident is not the only security issues that students face. Two weeks ago, the Divinity school was plagued with a series of car break-ins.

"The officer said that he couldn't watch both the outside and the inside at the same time," Cox said. "We have major security issues and it feels like the administration wants a serious incident to happen before they do something about it."

At the November HUSA Town Hall Meeting, the lack of security for the school was brought to attention.

"Before the town hall meeting,

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Maya Gilliam, Senior Photo Editor

Lack of security at the School of Divinity took its toll on Monday evening when a man was arrested for trespassing in the Mays Hall dormitory.

Towers Residents Tired Of Cold Showers

BY LAUREN STEPHEN
Hilltop Staff Writer

Imagine waking up on a winter morning and turning the faucet on to take a hot shower to wake up for that early morning class.

As the water runs continually for 20 minutes, it becomes apparent that an important choice has to be made; take an ice cold shower or no shower at all.

For many students living in the East and West Towers, this has become a choice that has had to be made more than once.

At least twice since last semester, signs have been posted in the towers warning students that the water will be cut off for eight hours at a time, often leaving students upset and aggravated.

"It is an extreme inconvenience and for a lot of students it becomes difficult to maintain their normal schedule," said junior broadcast journalism major Lindsey Walton.

While it has become a seemingly regular occurrence, many students are still not used to it.

"It's annoying; not many people like taking cold showers, especially in the winter," said West Towers resident Aaron Davis, a senior marketing major. "They only tell you a day in advance, so if you don't see the signs then you are out of luck."

One point of contention for residents is the amount of time the water is turned off.

"I understand why the water needs to be cut off due to repairs, but what I don't understand is the long amount of time it takes to do it each time," said West Towers resident Antonio Bush, a junior biology major.

According to property manager Larry Frelow, since the beginning of the semester, the water shut-offs happened less than the three times estimated by students.

"It definitely doesn't happen

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Patrick Jackson, Staff Photographer

Dr. Chris Chapman, a relative of 20th century artist Lois Mailou Jones, presented Howard University President H. Patrick Swygert with a \$500,000 donation to the Division of Fine Arts on behalf of Jones, who is also a Howard alumna.

\$500,000 Donated to Div. of Fine Arts

BY MELANIE R. HOLMES
Campus Editor

The family of famed artist, Howard graduate and former University professor Lois Mailou Jones presented a \$500,000 check to University President H. Patrick Swygert Wednesday afternoon.

Donated to the Division of Fine Arts in the College of Arts and Sciences, the money is the start of the Lois Mailou

Jones Scholarship for students in Fine Arts.

"Lois Mailou Jones is a very important person and personality here at Howard University and in the art world," Swygert said. "She represents some of the highest aspirations of this institution."

Swygert said the ultimate use of the donation will be determined by Associate Dean of Fine Arts Tritobia Benjamin and faculty of the Art department,

but said he assumes it will be used for scholarships for students interested in visual arts.

Alfred Smith, chairman of the Department of Art, said it is uncertain how the money will be used, but said meetings will soon be held to discuss the matter.

"The faculty will meet to outline the specifics and conditions of the scholarship," Smith said. "We want to put

certain principles behind it so that it is reflective of [Jones'] leadership."

Lois Mailou Jones was born in New England in 1905 and began painting as a child.

Throughout her 92 years of life, she traveled to Paris where she finished over 30 paintings in one year, traveled to and lived in Haiti, taught at Howard University for 47

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General Assembly Raises Elections Account



Patrick Jackson, Staff Photographer

Concerns surrounding student elections were raised at Wednesday night's General Assembly meeting, in addition to the elections account being raised.

BY CHRISTINA M. WRIGHT
Asst. Campus Editor

Concerns regarding student elections were expressed at the General Assembly meeting Wednesday night in the Blackburn Forum.

However, the biggest development was that the elections account was raised to \$8,000.

"I support the decision to increase the money for elections," said sophomore biology major Brittany Miller. "It is necessary for the process to go as smoothly as possible."

Anika Sandy-Hanson, a second-year Ph.D. student for

education psychology and coordinator of the Graduate Student Assembly, motioned that the available \$4,675 be appropriated for elections.

"I just want to make sure the money is available for them," Sandy-Hanson said.

Sandy-Hanson also expressed concerns of the graduate students that the Feb. 7 deadline for applications is not reasonable because most of the students only have classes one day a week.

It was suggested that any concerns be immediately directed to the General Elections Committee

See ELECTION, News A5

Forum for Breast Cancer Urges Early Detection

BY LAUREN STEPHENS
Hilltop Staff Writer

Keisha Mullings was a normal 18-year-old Howard freshman, balancing her time between social events and her academics when she was diagnosed with breast cancer. Even after being notified by doctors, Mullings did not take her illness seriously, and refused to be treated until she finally realized the seriousness of her disease before it got out of control.

Now, four years later, Mullings is in remission and working as the director of patient relations and advocacy at George Washington University Hospital, helping breast cancer patients and their families to deal with the illness.

Mullings, along with four others were the featured speakers at Shades of Survival, African-American Encounters with Breast Cancers, a forum co-sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences' and the School of Communications' Student Councils.

"We were looking for something to do and breast cancer stuck out because we hadn't seen a lot of it done on campus," said junior political science major Shermenta Nelson, community outreach director and volunteer coordinator for the College of Arts and Sciences Student Council. "We wanted to have speakers who have personal stories. We started with WARR (Women at Real Risk) because it is an organization that we knew would be very informative. We also wanted to get people from Howard because we wanted people to know how real it is."

One of the other goals of the program was to help Howard students, especially the females, to deal with breast cancer head on in the event that they are affected by it.

"You are not exempt from this," said junior broadcast journalism major Allison Christopher, programs director for the School of Communications Student

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VOICES & VIEWS

What are you doing in recognition of Black History Month?



Al Adjapong
Senior
Economics

"By reflecting on the hardships that the previous generations have done for us today."



Camille Logan
Senior
Economics & Finance

"By participating in lectures and seminars honoring those of our past."



Dwight Hughes
Senior
Electronic Studio

"Nothing really. I really pay close attention to those PSAs on network television."



Gregory Lewin
MA Student
Communication & Culture

"I accentuate my Africanness."

Photos by Mark Kline

Freshmen Females Learn 'Rites of Passage'

BY KAREN BRUNDIDGE
Contributing Writer

Due to enormous amounts of arguing and gossiping between residents of the Harriet Tubman Quadrangle, a program titled "Rites of Passage: The Journey from a Princess to a Queen" was put on in the Blackburn Gallery Lounge Tuesday night.

The program was designed to serve as a punishment for Truth Hall residents Porsha Freeman, Sherie Reed, Lynette Banks and Danielle Jones. However, Director of Blackburn Center Roberta McLeod did not wish to disclose further details behind the punishment.

"We started working on this program before Christmas," McLeod said. "For this program, we worked out ways to make a positive impact, teaching these ladies how to make the proper transition from girl to woman. We sat down, went through and outlined all of the substance of the program."

Featuring performers from the Division of Fine Arts, the program had skits with dancing, singing and poetry in between each scene, with each skit focusing on four main areas: gossip, doing the right thing, my body-my temple and the passage.

The scenes portrayed roommates fighting, friends gossiping and interaction between males and females.

Scenes such as "The Encounter" and "Instigation in the Hall" struck a nerve with many people.

"It made me really think about how we shouldn't shun one another out," said freshman business management major Felicia Henderson. "I agree with them, you have to give respect to get it. I liked how they used real life situations, and made something positive out of it."

Another scene, titled "Drew Hall is NOT the answer," featured female stu-

dent alone with a male student in Drew Hall after having had a few drinks. Males in attendance also thought the program was a great experience.

"I thought it was a beautiful event to give some praise to women," said freshman speech communications major Devaughn Harris, who was an actor in the program. "Sometimes girls don't realize it, but guys are sometimes disrespectful behind your back."

Freeman, a biology major, believes that some girls know they may be subjected to disrespect by Drew Hall residents.

"I think the skits about my body, my temple, were realistic," Freeman said. "From drinking, to coming over there half-dressed, most guys will disrespect you."

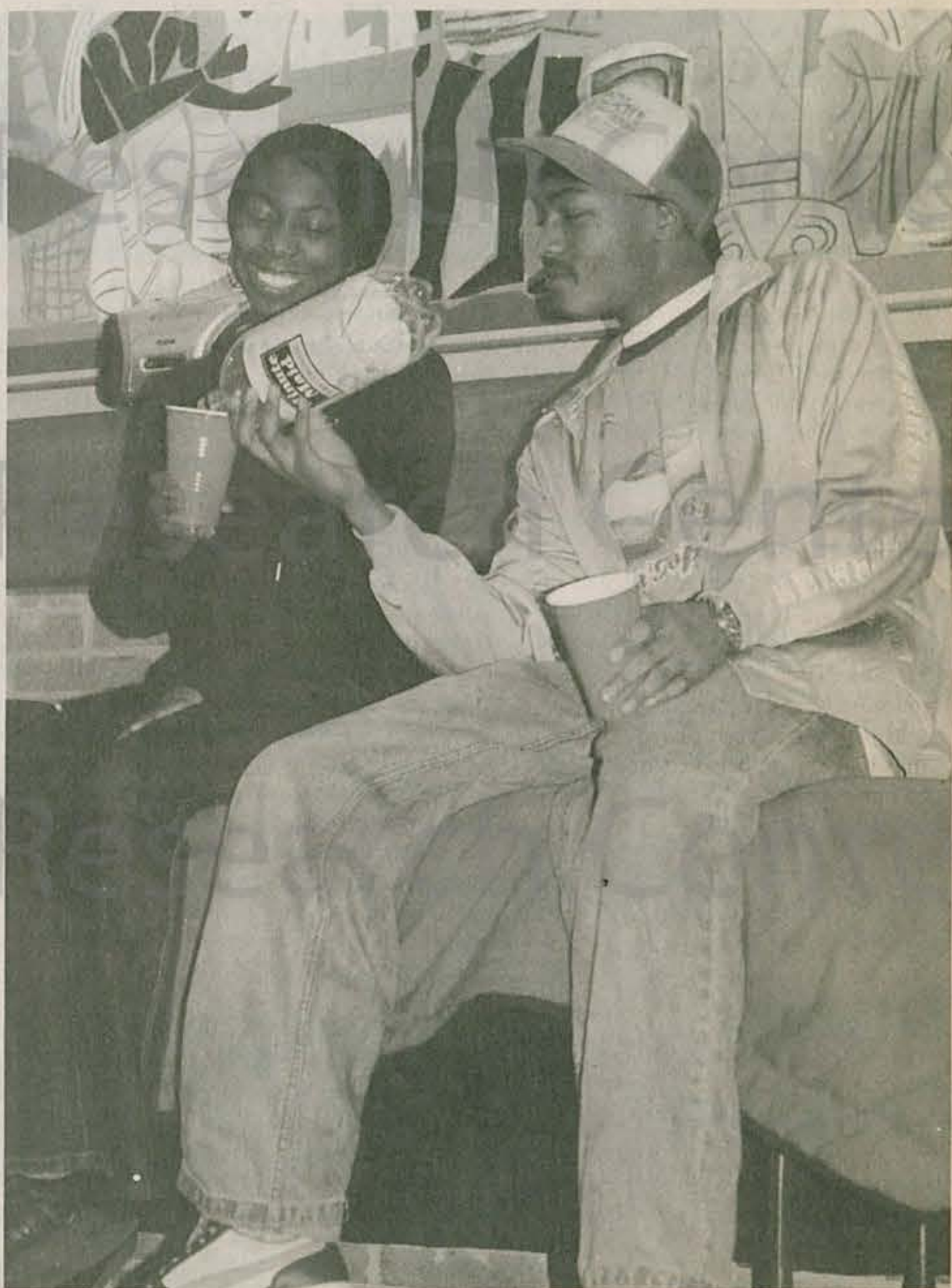
Banks and Reed said they benefited from their participation in the program and were able to learn from the experience.

"You can avoid gossip by going straight to the person instead of telling someone else," said Banks, a management major. "By seeing it in this show, you may now understand how someone feels in that situation."

Reed agrees. "Realize gossiping is not something we as young women should participate in," said the nursing major. "We should not lower ourselves to that."

Concluding the program by reciting an oath, the freshmen pledged "to build up my sister's name and not defame her character through envy, jealousy, hatred, dishonesty, pride or selfishness in an attempt to lift myself."

They also learned three steps in having a good reputation: create one, let it be known and maintain it.



Nicole Reed- Staff Photographer

To serve as a punishment for excessive arguments and gossiping, Truth Hall residents presented a program entitled "Rites of Passage: The Journey from a Princess to a Queen" on Tuesday night in the Blackburn Gallery Lounge.

Organizations Celebrate Black History Month

BY ADAM WYNN
Contributing Writer

Throughout the month of February, various Howard University student organizations will be hosting several events to commemorate Black History Month to bring national attention to the contributions of Black people throughout American history.

"Black History Month is a time to reflect on accomplishments we have made thus far while concentrating on what we still need to be doing," said senior psychology major Mona Taylor.

Setepenra Heq-M-Ta, a junior African-American studies major, will be showing a video on Judaism and Africa to bring in the month. "Black History Month needs to be celebrated 365 days a year. If you don't have knowledge of past, you are bound to repeat it."

"It's the responsibility of every African brother and sister to dialogue about the past in order to pave the road for the future," said Heru Setepenra Heq-M-Ta.

Courtney Nelson, coordinator for the Undergraduate Student Assembly, said that UGSA is hosting a Black arts festival, in the spring titled "Euphoria: Artistic Vision of Beauty," a weeklong celebration of Black artistic development, encompassing everything from acting to fashion.

"Black history is a time to remember where we came from, a very rich plethora of culture from fashion to dance," said Nelson, a senior psychology major.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Beta Chapter is hosting two seminars to honor the unsung heroes of Black history and Black manhood.

"Our organization was founded on the principles of the Black experience which allows a member to become a man that will drive Black history into the next millennium," said Chequan Lewis, president of Alpha Phi Alpha and senior political science major.

The School of Communications Student Council is hosting an event to celebrate the different genres of African-American music on Feb. 23, and a poetry cipher on Feb. 25 to recognize Black poetry.

"It's great that African-Americans get recognized during Black History Month," said Byron Stewart, School of Communications Student Council president. "But we need to celebrate Black history the entire year and become educated about what African-Americans have done throughout history."

The creation of Black History Month

is credited to Dr. Carter G. Woodson, historian and founder of the Association for the Study of Negro Life. The observance of Black history began in 1926 as Negro History Week.

Woodson was disturbed by the fact that during his studies, history books ignored or misrepresented the African-American population. He selected February to represent Negro History Week because it included the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass whom he believed had dramatically impacted many Black Americans.

The week became Black History Month in 1976, and almost 30 years later, the meaning of the month still holds significance for many people, nationwide.

Graduate School Events

Monday, January 31, 2005

SYLFF Fellows Research Seminar (SFRS)
10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon

Conference Room, First Floor, Carnegie Building

Tuesday, February 1, 2005

Pre-Award Workshop, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., ORA Conference Room,

Contact: Katie McGraw, kmgraw@howard.edu, 202-806-6205

Tuesday, April 12, 2005

The Graduate Research Symposium will be held on Tuesday, April 12, 2005 in the Blackburn Center. Abstracts are due in the Graduate School on today, February 4, 2005. Call 806-6800 for more information.

Thursday and Friday, February 10-11, 2005

RESPONSIBLE CONDUCT OF RESEARCH (RCR)
College of Medicine Auditorium, Rm 3019
8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Call 806-4676 for more information

Proposals for the Deaf Women & HIV/AIDS in Africa Conference June 10-12, 2005 at the Gallaudet University Kellogg Center are still being accepted. For more information, visit www.deafafricanwomen.org

For further information concerning these events and announcements, visit the Graduate School's website: www.gs.howard.edu

Students Agree More Male Volunteers Needed

BY DAVID EDMONDS
Contributing Writer

In light of Black History Month, many students are looking to celebrate the achievements of African-American leaders from years past. However, through volunteering to better Black communities, students have the opportunity to leave a legacy of their own.

Junior legal communications major Daniel Frankson said growing up without a father is what motivates him to give back to the community.

"The way our community is now, we are all about self," Frankson said. "I volunteer so I can try and give back by being a positive male figure."

While many men at Howard applaud their male counterparts for doing community service, most feel that there is not enough male volunteerism among Howard University students and urge more to get involved.

"I feel that men don't volunteer because of pure laziness," said junior broadcast journalism major Brian Jackson, who is also a member of Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity. "Most men feel that they have better things to do with their time. I volunteer because I have been blessed and it's necessary to share my blessing with everyone."

Junior advertising major Tim Waters, Jr. said he volunteers because of his belief in karma. "I need someone to help me so I know the kids need it,"

he said. "Some [men] actually have lives as far as working and have no time. I also think there is not enough advertisement."

Two volunteer tutorial organizations to acknowledge, Jumpstart and For Love of Children (FLOC), also recognize the need for more male volunteers.

Lonell Johnson, a Howard graduate who now volunteers with I Have a Dream, an organization out of Project 13, was able to give his perspective from being a college student and now being a college graduate.

"Men consider having an agenda A, B, C and volunteering is not on that agenda and that's how I thought when I was in undergrad," Johnson said. "But now I feel like giving back is what I owe, I did not get here on my own."

Sophomore accounting major Jasmine Washington suggests that many males don't volunteer for other reasons. "They don't understand the value that they can bring to volunteering," said Washington, who volunteers for FLOC.

Students believe there are numerous reasons one should volunteer, such as networking, resume-building and scholarship opportunities.

"Community service is good because it keeps students well balanced," said junior math major Clesean Glover, who volunteers through Circle K International. "[Community service] teaches them leadership skills and keeps you in perspective with the real world."

School of Divinity's Lack Of Security Cause Intrusion

DIVINITY, from Campus A1

the Divinity students did not have an armed security guard and did not have a guard past 4 p.m.," said HUSA Vice-President Freda Henry. "After the meeting, we met with Chief [Lawrence] Thomas and Dean [Bertram] Melbourne and we obtained an armed security guard from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. for the campus."

President of the Divinity student council Marcus Washington said that while the security has been upgraded, it is not 24-hour security.

Since the incident occurrence on Monday, Washington said that the administration "has had the quickest turnout" he has ever seen.

"The next day Dean

[Charles] Gibbs came and temporarily cut off elevator access and plans have been made for more armed security," Washington said. "It was recommended to have a kiosk at the front of the building where students would be required to show identification."

Graduate Trustee Miesha Darrough, member of the University's security taskforce, said that the university has taken steps to ensure that graduate students feel safe.

"We have worked to get 24-hour security for the students," Darrough said. "We are trying to set up a type of security plan so that the students feel safe."

Vice Provost for Student Affairs Franklin Chambers said that the university has

ordered a key plate and will be installed in the elevator to ensure that no one can enter except through one main entrance.

"We want to do all that we can to make certain our students feel as safe as possible," Chambers said.

Thomas added that sleeping on the job is a very high disciplinary violation and if it is found that the Burroughs was sleeping on the job then "severe disciplinary action will take place."

Even with the actions of the administration and the proposed changes, Cox said that she is still unconvinced that the school will receive better security.

"Until I see it, we don't have security."

Student Councils Raise Money For Breast Cancer Research

CANCER, from Campus A1

Council, "I wanted this event to bring more awareness on campus and I want girls to feel like, if in the event that it happens that you won't have to succumb to this, it's ok and you will live through it and life won't come to a standstill."

In addition to the three breast cancer survivors, two of the speakers were students who recounted their experience having family members battle with the illness.

"Three of my family members, my father's mother, my

mother's mother and my mother were all diagnosed with breast cancer, I learned that it can't happen to everybody but everybody is at serious risk even if you don't have a family history. You should definitely get yourself checked annually," Sheree King, a junior political science major, said.

While the circumstances under which each of the speakers dealt with the disease were different, their conclusions were the same: early detection and prevention are the only ways to combat the disease.

Students in attendance left

the forum feeling like they had gained a new insight to how those who are affected deal with having the disease.

"It was interesting to see the misconceptions about breast cancer and the fact that people would not want to deal with it and would neglect it," said freshman speech communication major McKenzie Morris.

Shades of Survival was the culmination of the combined efforts of the student councils to raise awareness and money for breast cancer research. Donations from students totaled over \$400 in a three-day period.



Nicole Reed- Staff Photographer

The School of Communications and the College of Arts and Sciences invited four speakers to enlighten students about Breast Cancer awareness on Wednesday evening in Blackburn.

Hot Water Turned Off for Repairs

TOWERS, from Campus A1

every week, maybe once or twice last semester," he said. "There was one weekend last semester where the valves had to be cut off, but usually the longest the water is off is eight hours."

One of the main reasons Frelow cites for the periodic water outages are major leaks in the buildings.

"If there is a bathtub on the 10th floor dripping water, rather than continue to have it leaking, we will turn the water off for one

to two hours," he said.

Despite the necessity of fixing such problems before they become a serious problem, students would like to see some changes made to the time of day that the water is turned off.

"They should pick better times, not in the morning when you have to take showers to go to class," said junior political science major Krishunda Penn. "They should do it later in the afternoon."

Other students, like D'Andre

Fernandez, wish the timing of the maintenance was more precise or when students are not in school.

"The hours they say they are going to fix it, they usually go over or start before and they don't give people enough time," Fernandez said. "They should do the repairs when we go on break or in the middle of the night if they can. I don't know what they are fixing because we never have hot water anyway."

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Fashion Designer Doubles as Counselor

BY TOYNETT HALL
Contributing Writer

Sophomore fashion merchandising major Burgundie Spears dares to be different.

"I always wanted to wear stripes with polka dots," she said.

Spears' desire to be unique has been the force that invokes her passion for fashion.

Spears, a wardrobe stylist and make-up artist, aspires to own an image consulting agency to offer a more positive portrayal of Black women in the media, by redefining what it means to be sexy.

"We are portrayed more as objects rather than people," she said. "We are a trophy, but we do not have any identity ourselves. When I say 'redefine sexy,' I am starting with instilling confidence."

"Sexy is a state of mind, and when we understand that we will attain that mentally, and then emulate it physically."

In addition to enhancing a person's image externally, Spears also works to enhance her clients' images internally.

"I am more into building the confidence of a person, and instilling value into the person

versus just the physical," Spears said.

She indicated that her life experience is what gives her jurisdiction to minister to other young people.

"I feel that in the midst of helping others, I am also being delivered," Spears said. "When I minister to others, I am also ministering to myself."

Spears suggest that her spirituality has helped her to develop her talents as well as set certain criteria for her work.

"It has helped me to set standards," she said. "I am definitely not going to do

anything that lowers the integrity of a woman."

According to Eric Bernard Ruffin, designer of Abscissa clothing line, "Spears is spiritual, focused and driven. She does not care for mediocrity. She restores the glamour in your average woman, and creates a fantasy off of an average woman."

Aly Hana Childs, a friend of Spears, has nothing but compliments about her comrade.

"She is a creative, determined young individual who encompasses all style," said Childs, a junior fashion merchandising management and political science double major.

"She knows what she wants and she goes for it no matter what the cost."

Spears' feels her style differentiates her from other wardrobe stylist.

"My clothes are the pariah of fashion," she said. "They are socially isolated so they stand out. Fashion is my therapy, it's my dependency, it's what makes me feel good. My passion for fashion extends beyond what the natural eye sees."

So, who is the biggest inspiration in this fashionista's life?

"My mother's strength inspires me," Spears said. "She has sacrificed so much for me to be where I am. She is my support system, my mentor, my everything."

With experience ranging from assisting in professional fashion shows as a wardrobe stylist and dresser for Chanel, and Escada, to co-designing uniforms for Omega Psi Phi in the 2004 Homecoming step show, Spears currently holds the position of executive chair for Howard University's fashion council. She hopes to land an internship with Black fashion magazine Suede, and continue to organize and fashion shows.



Sophomore fashion merchandising major Burgundie Spears gives students her all through image consulting and ministry.

EMPLOYEE of the WEEK

Nelson Santiago



Marlene Hawthorne- Staff Photographer

BY JABARI SMITH
Contributing Writer

Nelson Santiago has been a member of the Howard University family for about 10 years. As a Howard alumnus and current University recruitment officer, Santiago can most often be found in the Enrollment Management/Admissions Office multitasking or guiding a family or a group of students across campus.

As a graduate of the class of 2001, Santiago has had a long-term working relationship with the Office of Enrollment Management/Admissions.

"I started working for Admissions as a work-study student in 1996," he said. "Back then, my job included greeting guests and visitors as they came to the office and doing simple administrative tasks."

During Santiago's sophomore year at Howard, he was selected as a Student Ambassador and soon after elected to the Ambassador E-board, a position that he feels helped put him on track to serve in the position that he now holds.

Yet, it was not until months after graduation, while Santiago had a paid internship at Sidwell Friends, a Quaker school, that he was called and asked if he was interested in recruiting for the university.

"I knew what the job entailed and I've always loved education," Santiago said. Santiago was also asked to undertake the Student Ambassador organization.

Sophomore speech communications major, Ashley Williams, who is a Student Ambassador, believes that Santiago does his job in a way that no one else could.

"I really like working with Nelson and I think he is the perfect Student Ambassador adviser because he fights and campaigns for us to have Student Ambassador jackets and bags," Williams said. "He does a good job of relating to us while still maintaining a professional demeanor."

Student Ambassador Chad Williams-Bey also has a very favorable opinion of Santiago.

"Nelson is so well-liked because as a graduate of Howard he has seen the same things that we now see as students," said Williams, a sophomore political science and economics double major. "It's almost as if he has a peer influence on the work that we do."

Santiago also became a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. during his undergraduate career at Howard. Additionally, he helped found the Afro-Latino organization, S.O.U.L., or Student Organization of United Latinos, which is currently known as Cimarrones.

"My Howard experience was a metamorphosis," Santiago said.

Senior Recruitment Officer Victoria Little has known Santiago since he was a student and has been a witness to his metamorphosis.

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FRESHMEN SPEAK:

How important is Valentine's Day to you and why?

"Pretty important because it's a day to set aside to let others know how much you care."

Terry Jefferson, chemical engineering

"Normally it's important because I usually have a boyfriend. But being at college, I'm just with my friends so it's not that important."

Deidre Young, marketing

"It's another one of those Hallmark holidays. They just want you to go out and buy stuff. It's not really important to me."

Akeem Joseph, psychology

"It's important this year because me and my friends are going to take that day as a time to bond."

Kayon Kidd, political science

"I have never celebrated it so it's not important to me."

Brianna Santee, audio production

"It depends on whether or not I have someone to share it with because if not, it's just another day."

Kamal Simpson, electrical engineering

"Valentine's Day is very important because it's my one year anniversary with my boyfriend I love so much. Besides that, it's a fun holiday."

Latasha Mitchell, psychology

"I'm single. It's not important to me."

Andre Williams, sports medicine

"Valentine's Day is important because if you're not good at expressing how you feel, Valentine's Day is a perfect day to show someone."

Alicia Criner, marketing

"It's not that important. Two people in a relationship should be able to show their love every day."

Jessica Peachey, business management

"It's very important because it's really the only holiday for a guy to express their feelings for someone and not look like a punk."

Chris Smith, psychology

"It's just another day."

Kyle Winston, architecture

Compiled by Courtney Maye

A Moment in Howard's History: Dress Code Still Remains an Issue for Students

BY MERCEDES WHITE
Contributing Writer

In May 1965, Hilltop Staff Writer Wanda Yates wrote an article about the guidelines within the women's handbook stating female students should dress with "appropriateness and good taste."

Students were upset because the former dean of women, Ms. Calhoun, stressed that women should not wear slacks on campus and were to dress properly while in the cafeteria.

"There are no penalties for those students who chose to wear [slacks]," Calhoun said. "My only concern is appropriateness."

Today, freshmen females in the School of Business taking the required Business Orientation class are given a packet that also suggests appropriate business dress.

"We were given a packet that said it was mandatory we wear a black or blue skirt suit to class," said sophomore finance major

Tia Harris. "I did not want to risk wearing pants to class on cold days because I was afraid it would affect my grade."

Other females in the School of Business said they sometimes stretch the rules.

"I don't think it was mandatory for us to wear skirts all the time because on really cold days, I wore pantsuits to class and did not have points taken off," said senior international business major Kimberly Riley. "I think they preferred we wear a skirt to class everyday, but you would not get in trouble if you wore pants every now and then."

In an article in The Hilltop two years ago, "Possible Dress Code in Store for School of Communication Students," School of Communications Dean Jannette Dates expressed her support for a dress code.

"If our students want to be taken seriously, they need to present themselves in a professional manner at all times," said Dates. "I don't want to see your navel and belly jewelry."

In the 2003 article, School of Business Dean Barron H. Harvey explained the reason for the dress code within the business school.

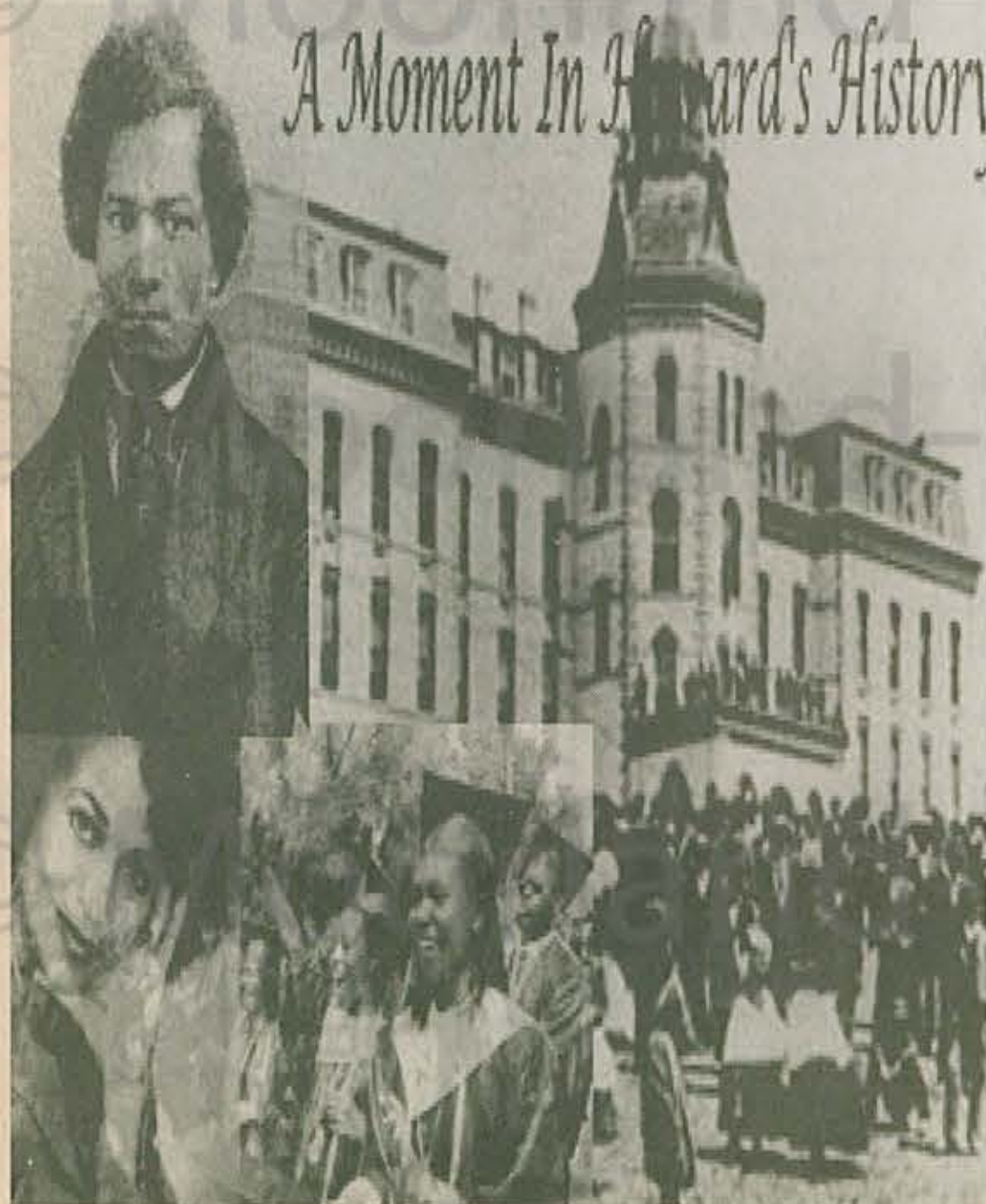
"We teach the students about dress and professionalism as freshmen so when they proceed, they'll have the equipment and they will know how to use it," Harvey said. "Our students are representing themselves and the School of Business in interviews, corporate sessions, and visits from CEOs."

Males in the School of Business are also expected to dress professionally.

"We had to wear a black or blue suit with a solid white shirt, dark tie, dark socks and hard bottom shoes," said sophomore accounting major Brian Wilson.

Howard University undergraduate alumna and public policy masters student Kamonta Thompson also believes there should be a dress code.

"I would like to see women have more respect for themselves," Thompson said.



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years, received honorary degrees from Colorado State Christian University, Massachusetts College of Art as well as Howard, and was honored by former U.S. President Jimmy Carter for her artistic achievements.

Jones' paintings, which were primarily American, French, Haitian and African-inspired, can be seen in several museums throughout the country and world, such as the Metropolitan Museum of Art, National Museum of American Art, the National Palace in Haiti and the National Museum of Afro-American Artist.

"Lois was a mother-figure to me," said Dr. Chris Chapman, a relative of Jones who presented the check.

"I promised her that the money from her trust would go to Howard University, so it's like a dream come true."



Howard University President H. Patrick Swygert was honored to receive a \$500,000 donation from the family of visual artist Lois Mailou Jones in the Administration Building's Board of Trustees room Wednesday afternoon.

Election Concerns Shared at General Assembly Meeting

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at howardvotes2005@yahoo.com, as opposed to missing the deadline and giving the reason later.

"If you have any concerns, as far as classes and such, I encourage you to contact [the chair]," said Raven Johnson, a junior the ex-chair of elections.

"Try to work with him, because uniformity is what we need. With this limb doing this and the other doing that, nothing is in sync. That's a problem we've had with past elections."

In addition to discussing concerns with the upcoming student elections, Chairman of University External Affairs Daniel Blakemore announced

his intention to find out the requirements and decision process for emergency loans.

"One student was attempting to get home for the funeral of her grandmother, and she was denied," Blakemore said. "We will be inquiring as to why they wouldn't cover something as important as that."

He also proposed that the General Assembly "pass a piece of legislation.... demanding repairs to the interface room in the Tubman Quadrangle, declaring it an emergency because of its horrid conditions."

Blakemore claimed the room has walls covered in mold, open pipes and a falling ceiling.

The motion was passed

with the stipulation that Dean of Residence Life Charles Gibbs is provided with a letter notifying him of the problem and intended solution.

"It looks like the room hasn't changed since it was the old book room," Blakemore said.

The General Assembly meets every first and third Wednesday each month in the Blackburn Forum.

The Assembly is made up of all representatives of the Undergraduate Student Assembly and Graduate Student Assembly. It serves as the legislative branch of the Howard University Student Association, discussing organization grievances and handling allocated funds.

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Howard University Admissions Officer An Adored Employee

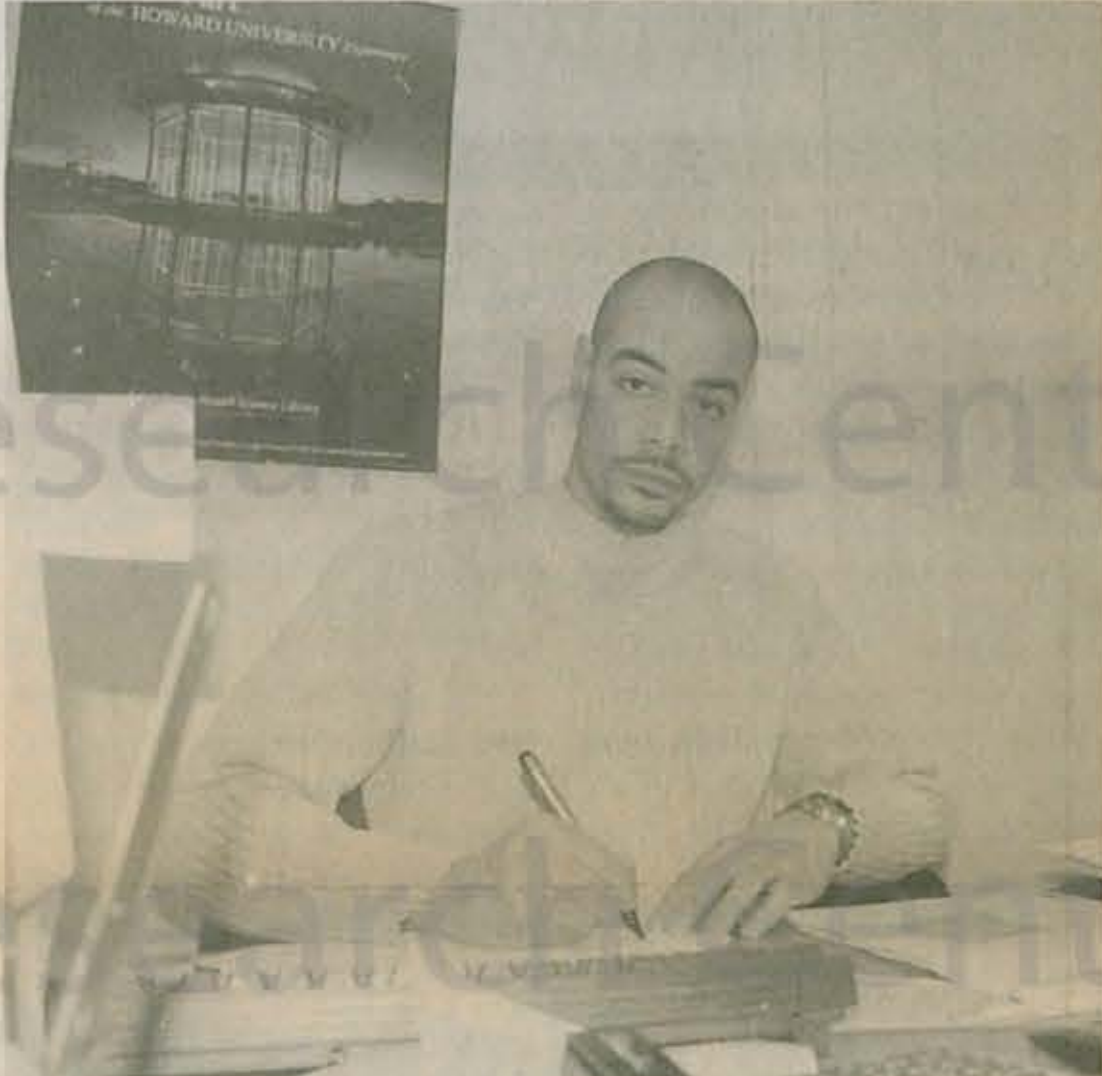
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phosis.

"He was always very mature as a student, but as a colleague I've gotten to see his professional side and along with that, I see that he is very personable with visitors, students and colleagues," Little said. "He's very professional and the most diverse person I've ever worked with."

Santiago said that if it were not for his position at Howard he would probably be pursuing a master's degree in education. Yet, no matter what the future holds, Santiago is certain that education will be on the agenda. However, as a recruitment officer for the university Santiago said he has one primary goal.

"I want to continue to influence prospective students to come here and share in what I have been fortunate enough to experience, which is the amazing Howard experience."



Howard alumnus and current University Recruitment Officer Nelson Santiago is thought of as professional among colleagues and a favorite among students.

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Jury Selection Begins in Jackson's Child Molestation Trial

BY DANIELLE DAWKINS
Contributing Writer

Jury selection began this week in the trial of pop megastar Michael Jackson, who faces multiple counts of child molestation charges.

Jackson arrived in court on Monday dressed in a white suit and appearing to be in good spirits. Reporters allowed into the courtroom said Jackson chatted with his lawyers and did not make much eye contact with any of the 450 people who were screened as potential jurors.

In total, the screening for jurors lasted for one and a half days, with the judge ruling on Tuesday that a group of 250 jurors would be enough to proceed to the next step of the jury selection. Twelve jurors and eight alternates will eventually make up the jury for the trial, which is expected to last five to six months.

Because this case has such a high profile, many are wondering what attorneys for both the defense and the prosecution will be looking for in a potential juror.

"The attorneys will try to ask questions that would give them an impression or indication of how they (jurors) think; some of them trick questions or hypothetical questions," said John Davis, a communications and business law professor at Howard University, as well as a graduate of Howard's Law School. "Lawyers need to understand how each prospective juror thinks so that they can then choose who they think will be helpful toward their side."

Davis said that if he were

defending Jackson, he would want skeptical women on the jury, who may have doubts about the credibility of the accuser's mother being that her history shows she has tried to extort money before. "I would want women, potentially Black women probably in their 40's or 50's who grew up in that sort of Michael Jackson genre, who have grown skeptical of White women, gold-digger types."

Another group Davis says the defense may want to attract are those skeptical of the government. "I would want people who are skeptical of authority and power, those people who are generally predisposed towards not believing what the government says," Davis said. "In this case there's going to be a lot of discussing about whether the prosecutor had an axe to grind with Michael Jackson."

As for the prosecution Davis says, "They are looking for people who are sick and tired of rich people getting off scott free." Davis believes the prosecution will also seek conservative jurors who believe in the government. "...People who have made it themselves [or] the way they would say it is, 'the honest way as opposed to chucking and jiving, or dancing and singing, or bouncing a ball and getting great riches for it', or [they are] poor and white...angry at rich Blacks... [and] are thinking 'how dare they' or 'who do they think they are?'"

A day before jury selection began, Jackson made his first appearance in which he defended himself and asked the public not to pre-judge him before he has had his day in



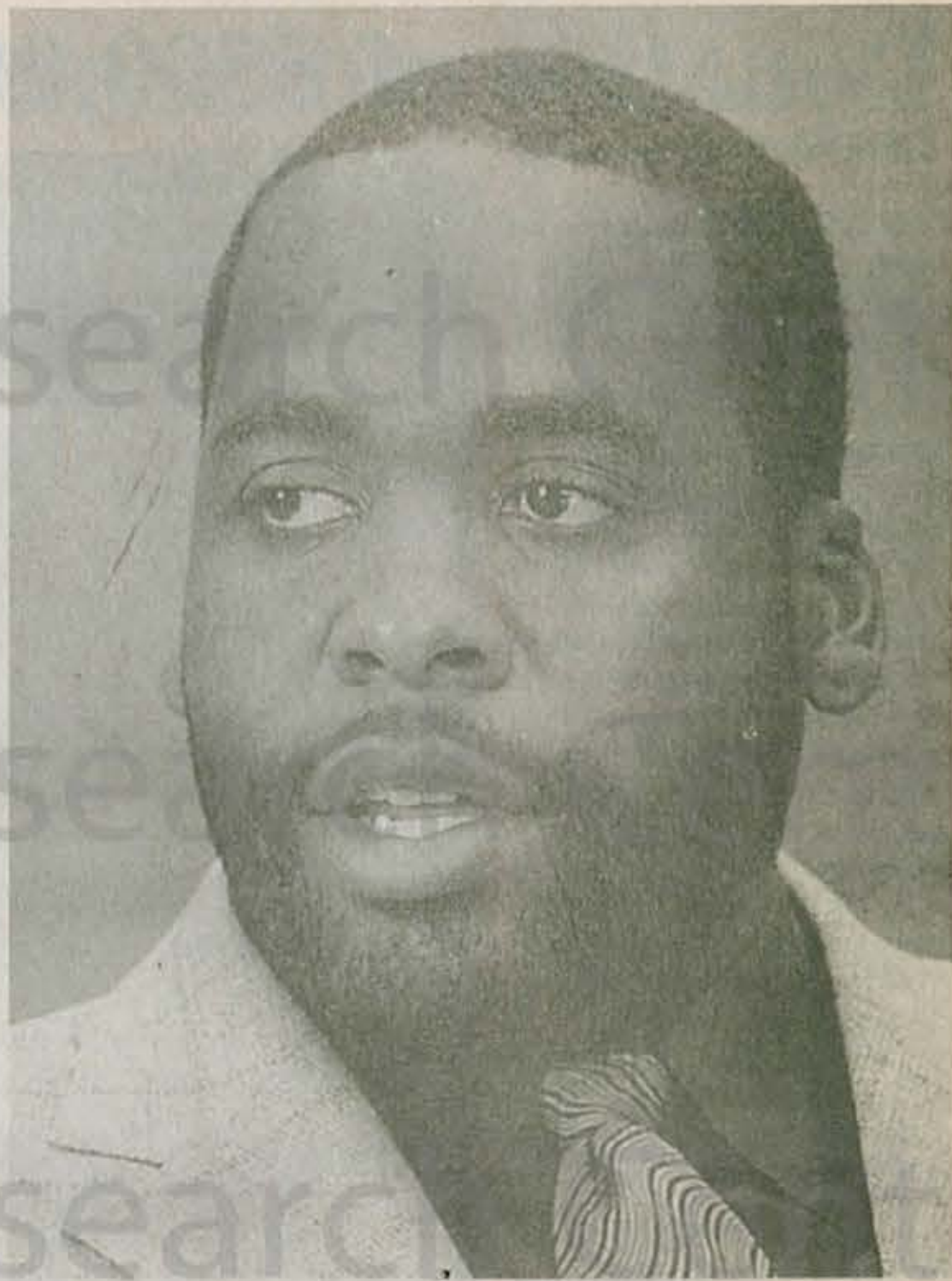
Michael Jackson faces 10 total counts, four of which are for child molestation. The trial is expected to last six months.

court. "Please keep an open mind and let me have my day in court. I deserve a fair trial like every other American citizen," said Jackson in a video message posted on his website. "I will be acquitted and vindicated when the truth is told...I never intend to place myself in such a vulnerable position ever again."

The 46-year-old icon also told his side of the story. "Years ago, I allowed a family to visit and spend some

time at Neverland," Jackson said. "Neverland is my home. I allowed this family into my home because they told me their son was ill with cancer and needed my help. Through the years I have helped thousands of kids."

Some students at Howard continue to defend Michael Jackson. "Honestly, I don't think he did it. I think it is a scheme to get money," Lisa Letren, a first year medical student said.



Kwame Kilpatrick angered some Detroit residents when it was discovered the city paid a \$25,000 lease for his wife's SUV.

Kilpatrick Has Strong Support Despite Controversy

BY KAI KARAMOKO
Contributing Writer

A string of embarrassing allegations may be destroying Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's chances for reelection this November, some political analysts speculate. This stems from a recent incident in which a Detroit television station reported the city signed the lease for a \$25,000 Lincoln Navigator for Kilpatrick's wife.

This report came within days of Kilpatrick announcing his decision to lay off 700 city workers, angering many citizens in the Detroit area who say there is something wrong if the city can afford a Navigator for the mayor's wife, but must fire several hundred employees.

"The mayor has reached the tipping point where the public now assumes the worst about him," Detroit political consultant Sam Riddle, said to The Detroit Free Press.

Kilpatrick initially denied the Navigator was for his wife. However, after the story began to snowball into a minor crisis, Kilpatrick finally admitted the Navigator was for his wife but was to be used by the police department to safely transport her and their three sons around the city.

This Monday, speaking at the first of weekly news conferences designed to improve his image in the Detroit media, Kilpatrick said his offices may have mishandled the Navigator incident.

"There were some screw-ups on communications. I'll take the lumps on that," Kilpatrick said. "I'm upset that we handled it the way we handled it." Kilpatrick also asked the Detroit media not to harass his family.

This was in response to footage that was aired by the Detroit television station WJBK-TV, showing Kilpatrick's wife, Carlita, shopping for a new vehicle at an area dealership. Officials from the mayor's office said the Kilpatrick family will pay for the new vehicle, not the city.

The Navigator incident is simply one more political bruise Kilpatrick has had to endure during his first term in office. Three years ago, critics charged the 34-year-old Kilpatrick with having wild parties in the Manogian Mansion, the official residence of Detroit mayors.

The party was allegedly laced with strippers, prostitutes and plenty of liquor, all at the expense of Detroit taxpayers. Authorities thoroughly inves-

tigated the alleged party and determined the allegations were false.

Though at times politically embattled, Kilpatrick has managed to maintain a significant core of supporters from the Detroit area, who believe the allegations over his first term in office were nothing more than smear campaigns meant to diminish his credibility.

"Long before he was inaugurated, people had problems with his young age, political views and proposals; it was no surprise that they came after him like so. Not to mention Detroit's racial atmosphere is no secret," said 49-year-old Charmagne Marshall, an elementary teacher and long time Detroit resident.

Even Kilpatrick has spoken out against some of the alleged racism he sometimes feels from his detractors. "When you're a young African-American man with an earring, it's hard for people to believe you're a good husband and father, Kilpatrick told The Associated Press.

The recent controversy comes at a time when Kilpatrick will need the voters' support to fix the problems his city faces, including a financial meltdown.

To fix the city's money woes in addition to the layoffs, Kilpatrick plans to eliminate 200 vacant positions, sell city-owned vehicles, decrease employee benefits, ask city workers to take a 10-percent pay cut and will possibly eliminate late-night bus service.

Despite the tough cuts, many are still behind him.

"Mr. Kilpatrick is doing a great job running the city," said Detroit native and junior broadcast journalism major Isoke Nimmons. "I commend his efforts to decrease Detroit's debt gained from previous administrations."

To recover from his recent stint with bad news, Kilpatrick will simply "talk to the people, tell the people the truth," Howard Hughey, Kilpatrick's press secretary, said. "The media chose to make a circus of it all. You can't rely on the media to give unfiltered information," added Hughey in reference to the Detroit press.

Kilpatrick is the youngest mayor in Detroit's history, as well as the youngest of any major city in the United States. Under his tenure, Detroit has seen falling crime rates, the construction of more than 4,000 new housing units and more businesses and restaurants being added to its downtown area.

Nation & World Briefs

Ashcroft Urges Congress to Renew Patriot Act

In his final hours in office, outgoing Attorney General John Ashcroft urged Congress to renew portions of the controversial Patriot Act, saying failing to do so will greatly undermine the war on terror, various news outlets report. Ashcroft said the Patriot Act has been instrumental in stopping terrorist attacks in the United States as well as contributing heavily to the declining crime rates across the country. "Criminals can't commit crimes from behind prison walls," Ashcroft said.



Rev. Jesse Jackson Asks Iraqi Captors to Free Americans

In televised remarks Tuesday, the Rev. Jesse Jackson asked Iraqi insurgents holding an American contractor hostage to free the man, bet, com reports. Jackson became involved in the hostage crisis at the urging of the man's family, who said they are "hopeful" Jackson will be able to "help their loved one."

The hostage, Roy Hallums, was abducted in November

along with five others who were working at his office in downtown Baghdad. Jackson has had extensive experience in hostage situations. In 1984, he worked to have a navy pilot released from Syria and in 1991 he negotiated a deal with the Iraqi government to have 500 people released.

Tsunami Survivors Finally Found

More than one month since a Tsunami wreaked havoc on southern Asia, nine survivors were finally found and rescued this week, various news outlets report. The group, which consisted of five men, two women and two children, was in a forest Wednesday on Great Nicobar Island. Officials said the survivors were weak and hungry when they were found. The group is now receiving medical attention in Campbell Bay. In total, the group spent 38 days waiting to be rescued.



Dean Takes Lead in DNC Race

Former Vermont Governor and presidential hopeful Howard Dean has surged ahead of all other democrats vying to become the new chairman of the party, various news outlets report. Dean won support this week from many state Democratic Party leaders, Black activists and a prominent aid to former President Clinton.

During a national conference call, Dean won 56 votes from the state chairs almost assuring him the chairmanship. Dean says democrats must reform their party and remain competitive in races at all levels of government.



Clinton Named Tsunami Envoy

Former President Bill Clinton has been tapped by United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan to serve as a special envoy in charge of tsunami reconstruction efforts throughout South Asia and parts of Africa. Clinton will also work to end conflicts between rebels and the government in Sri Lanka and Indonesia. Last month President George W. Bush asked Clinton and former President George H.W. Bush to tour the United States to raise money for Tsunami victims.

Sen. Clinton Faints During Speech

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., fainted during a speech Monday in upstate New York, various news outlets report. Clinton was uninjured in the ordeal and onlookers said four people broke her fall. The former first lady's secret service detail cleared the room until Clinton regained her strength. Aides to Clinton blamed the fainting spell on a 24-hour virus. She declined to go to the hospital and continued with her schedule, giving another speech on health care an hour later.



Pope Feeling Better

Following an overnight stay in the hospital, Pope John Paul II's condition stabilized Wednesday, various news outlets report. The pope was receiving treatment for an acute respiratory infection, a spokesman said. Doctors said that, as of Wednesday, they expect the pope will remain hospitalized for a few more days. The pope also suffers from Parkinson's disease, in addition to a number of other chronic ailments.

Democrats Want Additional Money for Troops

Congressional Democrats want President Bush's recent proposal to increase military pay to be extended to all soldiers who died on duty instead of just those who were killed in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, various news outlets report. Currently, Bush's proposal calls for increasing military pay to the families of those killed from a one-time death gratuity of \$12,420 to \$100,000 with an additional \$150,000 going toward life insurance for the troops. Bush's proposal will be listed as a part of his budget for 2006, which will be submitted to Congress next week.

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Bush Touts Social Security in Union Address

BY KEVIN HARRIS
Nation & World Editor

President Bush made Social Security reform the main focus of his State of the Union Address Wednesday night, urging a reluctant Congress to give younger workers the opportunity to invest some of their pay roll taxes in the stock market.

The president told a joint session of Congress that Social Security would go bankrupt if it is not reformed and he will work with Democrats to fix the system. "Fixing Social Security permanently will require an open, candid review of the options. I know that none of these reforms will be easy," Bush said. "But we have to move ahead with courage and honesty, because our children's retirement security is more important than partisan politics. I will work with members of Congress to find the most effective combination of reforms."

Though Bush campaigned hard on Social Security reform, saying it would be a "vital issue" in his second term, he did not disclose his plan until Wednesday night's address. Bush did not present a complete blueprint, but gave more detail than he had at previous events discussing Social Security reform. The president's plan would allow workers born in 1965 or earlier to begin investing in private accounts in 2009. In 2010, workers born before 1978 could begin investing. By 2011, all workers born after 1950 could start investing.

Perhaps in a show of solidarity in opposition to the president's plan, Democrats loudly booed when Bush said the system would be bankrupt by 2042 if change did not occur. Democrats, and others, have noted Social Security will still be able to fund at least 70 percent of its current benefits by 2042 if no reforms are made.

Democrats condemned the proposal, calling it "Social Security roulette" instead of Social Security reform. In the Democrats response to Bush's speech, minority leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said the president's Social Security plan would add trillions of dollars to the nation's debt as well as result in benefit cuts. "Democrats are all for giving Americans more of a say and more choices when it comes to their retirement savings," Reid said. "But that doesn't mean taking Social Security's guarantee and gambling with it."

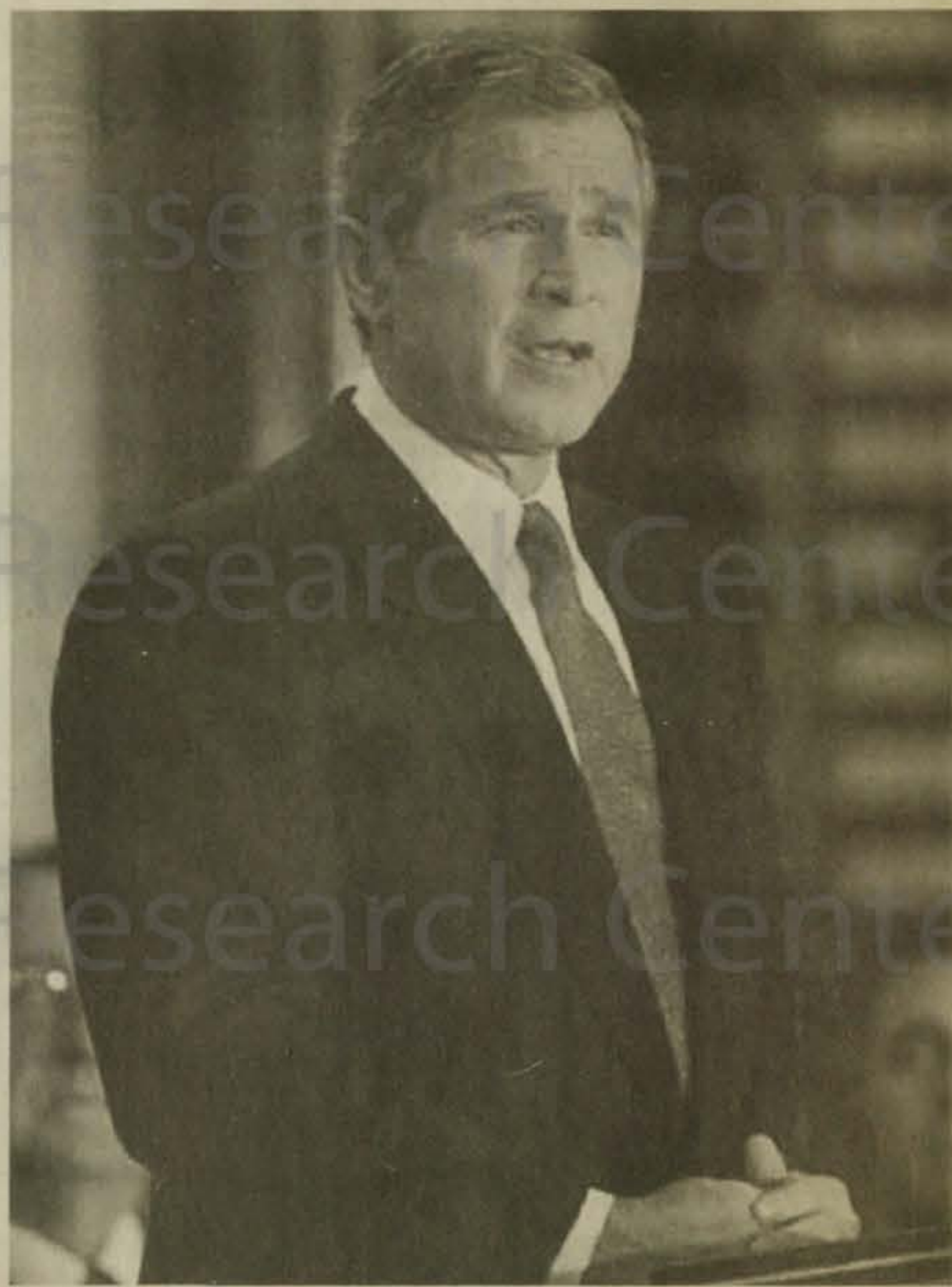
President Bush also mentioned the war in Iraq, urging Congress to fully fund the war effort. He praised Sunday's election, in which many Iraqis braved dangerous conditions to cast ballots. "We will succeed because the Iraqi people value their own liberty as they showed the world last Sunday," Bush said. "We will succeed in Iraq because Iraqis are determined to fight for their own freedom and to write their own history."

Bush refused to set a deadline for when American forces can start withdrawing from the region. "We are in Iraq to achieve a result, a country that is democratic, representative of all its people, at peace with its neighbors and able to defend itself," Bush said. "And when that result is achieved, our men and women serving in Iraq will return home with the honor they have earned."

The president ridiculed Iran, calling it the world's chief sponsor of terrorism. "Today, Iran remains the world's primary state sponsor of terror, pursuing nuclear weapons while depriving its people of the freedom they seek and deserve," Bush said.

"We are working with European allies to make clear to the Iranian regime that it must give up its uranium enrichment program... and end its support for terror." To that Bush added, "And to the Iranian people, I say tonight: As you stand for your own liberty, America stands with you."

Despite news of a soaring budget



Bush asked Congress to continue to fund the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. He is expected to ask Congress for an additional \$80 billion.

deficit, Bush was optimistic about the nation's economy. "America's economy is the fastest growing of any major industrialized nation," he said. "In the past four years we have provided tax relief to every person who pays income taxes, overcome a recession, opened up new markets abroad, prosecuted corpo-

rate criminals and raised homeownership to its highest level in history."

Bush wasted no time getting back to work after Wednesday's address. On Thursday, he traveled to North Dakota and Montana to garner more public support for his Social Security reform proposals.



Bush wants to allow younger Americans to invest in personal savings accounts. He said this will help Americans gain more wealth.



T-Shirt Company Under Fire For Controversial Products

BY CARYN GRANT
Hilltop Staff Writer

Tshirthell.com, a Las Vegas-based company, has recently come under fire for selling a t-shirt on its website with the slogan "Arrest Black Babies Before They Become Criminals." Along with the slogan is a graphic of a handcuffed Black baby with a pacifier in his mouth.

The shirt has enraged many within the African-American community, prompting some to call on prominent Blacks like Oprah Winfrey and Bill Cosby, as well as President Bush to condemn the shirt. "We are outraged and we will not stand for our image to be defamed and for our children to be vilified in the name of commerce and free speech," read a statement from the Electronic Urban Report (EUR), a website dedicated to Black entertainment. EUR has promised to launch a full out attack on Tshirthell.com, hoping to stop the selling of the shirt.

In response, Tshirthell.com is offering no apologies. "We design our shirts to amuse ourselves. We don't care if you are offended by them," read a statement from the website's creator.

"Regardless of race, color, creed, national origin or sexual preference, you are all fair game." In reference to the shirt with the Black handcuffed baby, the site gives a disclaimer. "Anyone who thinks the shirt is racist is just ignorant."

The site's creators may have a point in claiming not to be racist. Another shirt has the same graphic of the Black handcuffed baby, only on this shirt the baby is White, has blue eyes, and the slogan reads "Arrest White Babies Before They Become Child Molesters, Serial Killing, Blue-Eyed, (expletive) Devils."

Even with the reference being to Whites, many Howard University students are equally upset about this shirt being sold as well. Some think the shirt is an attempt on behalf on the website to avoid being called racists. "It seems like they just made that shirt up to try to cover up how racist the 'Arrest Black Babies' shirt is," freshman theater arts major Nicole Benson said. "It's an insult to our Black culture and plays into the way that America feels about our race as a whole."

Others, like freshman mathematics major Michelle Burke

asked, "Is this on a hate website or a t-shirt website?"

The creators of tshirthell.com sell numerous controversial t-shirts that cover a wide range of topics including sex, homosexuality and even the Dec. 26 Tsunami that killed thousands. Other slogans for shirts read, "I Broke Up Brad and Jen," "I Still Hate George Bush" and "I Survived the Tsunami 2004." There are even t-shirts for infants. One reads "Broken Condom," while another asks "Are You My Daddy?"

The question of whether anything can be done about the distribution of these shirts is debatable. That task is easier said than done as tshirthell.com has drawn lawsuits from celebrities such as the Olsen Twins in the past and has maintained the right to sell the shirts in question.

Tshirthell.com began in 2001 and over 70,000 visitors visit the site daily. The site allows membership, which entitles customers to discounts on merchandise as well as access to free giveaways. Currently, the site ships its products across the United States and to nearly 50 foreign countries.

HIV Government Created, Many Blacks Think So

BY SHALEEM THOMPSON
Contributing Writer

According to a recently released study from Rand Corporation and Oregon State University, nearly half of the 500 African-Americans surveyed believe that HIV, the virus that can lead to AIDS, is a man-made virus, created to wipe out African-Americans, and that the government has knowledge of this.

Despite no evidence available to support this theory, many Howard students agree.

"I think it was manufactured by a group and seeing that it has become so rampant in Africa, then it was probably made to kill them," said Cedric Coare, a freshman public relations major.

Others, like freshman journalism major Tiffany Jones believe the government did not create AIDS, but is failing to do all it can to prevent the spread of the disease.

"I believe that the government did not start AIDS but they can control it and refuse to," she said. "I believe that they do have a cure for AIDS but they will not give it to everyone, especially the poor."

Officials who worked on the study could not be reached at press time. But in remarks made in other publications, some officials said they were not surprised by the study's findings.

"As a researcher, knowing that these beliefs were out there, I wasn't as surprised as people I share the study with," said Laura Bogart to the Washington Post. Bogart co-authored the study and is a behavioral scientist for Rand Corporation. "...the findings are striking and a wake-up call to the prevention community," Bogart added.

Dr. Ernest Quimby, an associate professor for the

Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Howard University said that even though African-Americans have not seen evidence to support this new AIDS theory, it is probably such a strong belief because of past incidents. "There are different reasons why there is suspicion and this goes back to history and the relationship with African-Americans and the government," Quimby said.

"There has been documentation that the health of African-Americans has been neglected by the government and that they have been subjected to maltreatment. A prime example is the study held by Tuskegee University where African-American males were unknowingly exposed to syphilis by the federal government."

They were used as a part of a study that showed the long-term effects of this disease and were not provided with treatment," Quimby said. He added, "That failure to provide them with treatment was clearly unethical and, for many folks, made them think if the government could do that then, maybe they could do it now."

Many African-Americans who do not believe the government intentionally created AIDS, say that by subscribing to these theories, Blacks are ignoring personal responsibility. "I believe they should not find any source of comfort in that theory for AIDS because AIDS has no face and affects everyone," said Alisha Bertrand, a sophomore international business major. "They should instead look at themselves and examine why this disease is affecting them so much and move forward collectively to combat this disease."

Theories aside, many

Other Findings From the AIDS Study

- ⊙ 48 percent of Blacks thought HIV was man-made.
- ⊙ 53 percent of Blacks thought there is a cure for AIDS and that the government is withholding it from the poor.
- ⊙ 12 percent of Blacks thought HIV was created and spread by the CIA.
- ⊙ 15 percent of Blacks thought AIDS is a form of genocide against them.
- ⊙ 26 percent of Blacks thought AIDS was produced in a government laboratory.

experts who examine AIDS in the African-American community, say that it is still necessary to deal with the study's findings. "It is important to address this issue because, if meaningful AIDS prevention is to be achieved, it is important to acknowledge and deal with the fears and doubts of people," Quimby said.

African-Americans, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, account for 50 percent of new HIV infections in the nation. This number is staggering given that African-Americans account for only 13 percent of the U.S. population.



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Breaking Barriers

BY COURTNEY EILAND
Asst. Sports Editor

With Super Bowl XXXIX only two days away, I find myself in love with the Philadelphia Eagles and rooting for them to win it all.

After losing in the NFC Championship game three years in a row, coming so close but falling short, I have a lot of sympathy for the team in the city of Brotherly Love.

Maybe it is the fact that I am from the state of Ohio where no one in their right mind claims to be Browns or Bengals fans (thanks a lot for stealing Corey Dillon, Mr. Patriotic!), or maybe it is because my heart goes out to Donovan McNabb making a debut as only the third African-American quarterback to start in a Super Bowl after the likes of former Washington Redskins' Doug Williams in Super Bowl XXII and Tennessee Titans' Steve McNair in Super Bowl XXXIV.

McNabb may not be aware of how significant a role he will play in African-American history. The position of quarterback was once uncommon to be filled by African-Americans, but by the Tom Bradys, Peyton Mannings and Brett Favres of the world. However, when seeing the faces of the quarterbacks today, I am delighted to see all complexions consisting of McNabb, Steve McNair, Michael Vick, Byron Leftwich, Daunte Culpepper and many more African-Americans in that essential position of an NFL offense.

After having his abilities questioned by former ESPN studio analyst Rush Limbaugh, who claimed that it was "a social concern of the NFL" for Black quarterbacks to succeed, McNabb threw for 3,216 yards totaling 16 touchdowns for the 2003 season while leading his team to the NFC championship game.

He also rushed for 325 yards totaling three touchdowns while only committing nine fumbles and 11 interceptions. Hmm, sounds pretty impressive to me. I wonder which stat sheet Limbaugh was reading.

However, this season, McNabb's stats are much more than impressive. McNabb threw for 3,875 yards totaling 31 touchdowns while only committing eight interceptions and eight fumbles. Thanks in part to the addition of flashy wide receiver, Terrell Owens, who was acquired from the San Francisco 49ers via the Baltimore Ravens in the off-season.

Although Owens is still questionable for the Super Bowl, I could not help but laugh at his most recent statement made on media day this past Tuesday, "I can honestly say God had already cleared me. It really doesn't matter what a doctor says. I've got the best doctor of all and that's God."

Although true in many ways, my only worry is directed toward the extent of his injury. It is an accomplishment to make it to the Super Bowl and I understand that he is anxious to play in it, but I am pretty sure he does not want this to be his last. I mean, why would you want to risk re-injuring your ankle, which could possibly end your career? I hope you are aware of that T.O.

Even with Owens' status unclear, McNabb & Co. are preparing to play in his absence. However, my main concern is not about whether Owens will be playing or not, it is about McNabb making history.

So, Donovan, after you lead the Eagles to a Super Bowl victory (yes, I'm claiming it!), maybe instead of pouring Gatorade on Andy Reid, you can pour some Chunky Chicken Noodle soup. Mmm, I can taste the victory already.

SUPER SUNDAY



This weekend, thousands will descend upon Alltel Stadium in Jacksonville Fla. for a chance at some of the most expensive tickets in the history of sports in a year that saw a 4.9 percent increase in regular season ticket prices.

Patriots Aim for Second Straight As McNabb Eyes A Philly Title

BY JONATHAN DAVIS
Contributing Writer

Super Sunday will showcase two teams trying to make history at Alltel Stadium in Jacksonville, Fla.

The American Football Conference (AFC) champion New England Patriots seek to become the first team to repeat as Super Bowl champions since the 1997-98 Denver Broncos.

The National Football Conference (NFC) Champion Philadelphia Eagles seek to win their first Super Bowl in franchise history and quarterback Donovan McNabb will be looking to become the second African-American NFL quarterback to win a Super Bowl since Doug Williams.

Philly's Finest

After losing the last three NFC championship games, the Philadelphia Eagles decided to dip into the free agent pool and get some help, particularly on the offensive side of the ball.

They acquired All-Pro wide receiver Terrell Owens from the Baltimore Ravens. In free agency, they signed veteran running back Dorsey Levens to back-up starting tailback Brian Westbrook after they lost backup running back Correll Buckhalter to a torn patellar tendon in his right knee.

The Eagles also signed former Tennessee Titans defensive end Jevon Kearse and linebacker Jeremiah Trotter and defensive end Hugh Douglass both returned to the Eagles nest.

With that nucleus intact, the Eagles began their Super Bowl quest with a 31-17 win over the New York Giants as Donovan McNabb passed for 330 yards and four touchdowns, three going to Owens, in his regular season debut.

That win on opening day throttled them to 12 wins in their next 13 outings, with the only loss coming at Pittsburgh in week nine. The Eagles used that setback to reel off seven more consecutive wins, which brought their record to 13-1. Their 10th victory in week 12, at the Giants, gave the Eagles their fourth straight NFC East Division Title.

Things seemed to be going the Philadelphia Eagles way until Dec. 19 versus the Dallas Cowboys.

Owens suffered an ankle/leg injury after being tackled by Cowboys safety Roy Williams. Despite winning the game 12-7 and setting a franchise record with their 13th win of the season, the Eagles would learn later that Owens' injured ankle would require surgery and he would only have a chance to return to the playing field if the Eagles made it to the Super Bowl.

Entering the post-season, the Eagles faced a lot of questions. How would the wide receiver core of Todd Pinkston, Freddie Mitchell and Greg Lewis perform without T.O.? Could Donovan McNabb lead the Eagles to the Super Bowl? How were the starters that did not play much in the last two games going to perform?

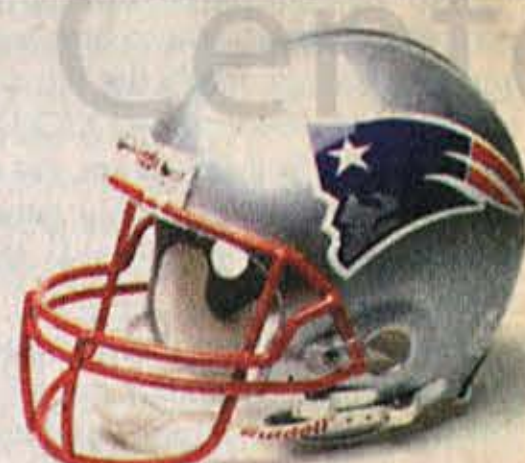
The Eagles pulled off a stellar 27-14 victory against the Minnesota Vikings. McNabb threw for two touchdowns and Freddie Mitchell stepped up in the absence of Owens catching five passes for 65-yards, scoring two touchdowns.

The Eagles' 'D' held Daunte Culpepper, who had four touchdown passes and no interceptions in the wild card playoff game versus the Green Bay Packers. Against the Eagles, he could only muster one touchdown and two interceptions and wide out Randy Moss could only catch two balls all game.

After losing three NFC championship games in succession, the Eagles made this year's contest count. Contributions came through the roster as Philly defeated the Atlanta Falcons 27-10.

The defense held the leading running offense in the league, which amassed 327 rushing yards in their 46-17 Divisional

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Some People Don't Learn

BY ZACHARY KENWORTHY
Sports Editor

"I think they're ripe for the picking," explained Mike Vanderjagt in early January as his Indianapolis Colts prepped for their AFC divisional match-up against the defending champions New England Patriots.

The words hit me as I imagine Ray Lewis would if I were running a slant across the middle at M&T Bank Stadium. "Ready for the picking?" I asked myself as I picked my jaw from my bedroom floor. Is this why the Indianapolis kicker had taken on the moniker "Vander-jerk" in recent seasons?

The Patriots, needless to say, were not ready for the picking. In fact, they hadn't been ripe for some time. Instead, quarterback of the century, Peyton Manning, was dragged through the snow as the Colts could only muster a meager three points at a wintry Gillette Stadium in Foxboro, Mass.

At least Vander-jerk had an excuse for not reading the scouting report; he is, in fact, a kicker.

Philadelphia wide receiver Freddie Mitchell, however, has no excuse. Late last week, he announced on ESPN that he did not know the names of any New England Patriot defensive backs other than the resolute Rodney Harrison.

To further entrench himself against the odds, Mitchell maintained that he also had something in store for Harrison. Yes, Freddie Mitchell might be stirring the Super Bowl Gods, but it is likely that the only thing he has stirred is a hungry New England secondary that made Peyton Manning look like former first-round bust Ryan Leaf.

Oh yes, did I also mention that the Patriots beat up on the Pittsburgh Steelers in Steel-country to advance to Sunday's game?

What Mitchell needs to be wary of after his ill-advised comments is Harrison and his no-name band of friends. In fact, since the loss of defensive backs Ty Law and Will Poole, the Patriot secondary has been scary.

The team was even forced to move wide receiver Troy Brown to double duty. He has played at nickel back, as well as on offense, for the better part of the year and has even claimed three interceptions. What is scarier is the fact that Coach Belichick thinks he is getting better by the days.

I must be one of the few who actually thinks that the Patriots anonymity is something quite refreshing. In an age where we are forced to grimace through the touchdown celebrations and the lewd acts of ego, the workmanlike perfection of Patriot country is almost welcome.

They are a band of brothers, almost, who have put aside the money and fame and focused their talent one week at a time. In fact, all this talk of "the system," the coaching staff and the lack of stars present in New England is ludicrous.

Football is a team game and the Pats do nothing put turn up every week with one goal in mind. Not 56 separate goals that fray. This is the epitome of team. This is the epitome of championship.

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XXXV



In a crushing defeat, Ray Lewis and the Baltimore defense put the squeeze on the Giants in a 34-7 victory.

XXXVI



Adam Vinatieri's 48-yard field goal as time expired gave New England a 20-17 victory over the Rams.

XXXVII



Dexter Jackson intercepted Oakland's Rich Gannon twice in a thumping 48-21 win for Tampa Bay.

XXXVIII



Tom Brady threw for 354 yards and three touchdowns to win his second Super Bowl MVP award.

Super Bowl Highlighted by Super Commercials

BY HEATHER FAISON
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Advertisers are paying an average of \$80,000 per second to get you to buy beer, junk food, cars and technology, while the Patriots and the Eagles battle for the Super Bowl XXXIX title.

Over the last few years, the commercials have added suspense to the big game and sometimes have been more memorable than the match-up itself.

Many can remember in 2000 when three buddies screamed, "whaattzz uupp?" over a Budweiser, but who won the Super Bowl moments later? The answer is: St. Louis Rams.

These ads may leave lasting impressions for the millions of viewer but with the super exposure comes a hefty price tag.

Anheuser-Busch has purchased 10 of the 58, 30-second spots leaving all other companies in the dust. Their budget thus far totals a mind-boggling \$24 million for five minutes of airtime. That is enough to buy a six-pack of Budweiser for every man, woman and child in Miami.

These prices may seem absurd for a risky 30 seconds of advertising air, but according to

Pravat Choudhury, chairman and professor in the Department of Marketing, it is well worth the gamble.

"For many companies, it is a wise decision. Especially companies that have tremendous resources like the car companies, technology and computer companies," Choudhury explained.

The risk paid off tremendously for the Apple Computer Company, when their 1984 Super Bowl

commercial changed the face of the computer industry. The company debuted the first personal computer: the Macintosh. The investment is still paying off nicely.

A commercial debut with high hopes but little return left the AT&T M-Life cellular service campaign in the hole in 2002. The string of ads did not help viewers in figuring out what the product was, leaving those who may have been interested in the cellular plans in the dark.

This year's Super Bowl commercial rookies are aiming to avoid any potential losses on their huge investments.

Careerbuilder.com, the nation's leading online job network has purchased two 30-second spots in their Super Bowl debut. Although the "a better job awaits you" campaign will be appearing for the first time, their extensive resources help them enter the Super Bowl low on the risk factor.

"Careerbuilder.com's marketing spend for 2005 is valued at over \$200 million. The Super Bowl is one component of a multi-faceted, national marketing program," said Jennifer Sullivan, director of Corporate Communications for the company.

Camera maker Olympus will debut their m:robe 500, the first mp3 player with a built in digital camera, investing \$4.8 million.

Dean Jarett, news media representative for the Richmond, Va. based Martin Agency that created the ad, gave a sneak preview, trying not to reveal too much of the final product.

"[The commercial] will almost force you to get up and dance. Everybody will be surprised with the music selection," Jarett said.

This year, advertisers will need more than



Comedienne Monique Toliver debuted in a series of Pepsi ads during the Super Bowl last year. At \$80,000 per second, the average commercial spot costs upwards of \$3 million.

crotch-grabbing-dogs and girls mud wrestling over beer to win viewers over.

After last year's "Nipplegate" fiasco, Fox networks and the NFL have prohibited commercials with content that may offend viewers.

Some students were disappointed by the change while others embraced the new creative direction.

"I definitely agree with the decision. I don't

think that the censorship is going to be so strong that it will make a difference any way," said Rick Fields, a senior finance major. Ad holders such as Emerald Snack Nuts have adjusted to the new clean-cut regulations and lined up holiday favorites Santa Claus and the unpredictable Easter Bunny as celebrity guests.

Howard Prepare for Flight Against Lady Eagles

BY LINDSEY WALTON
Contributing Writer

Following another disappointing loss to the Lady Rattlers of Florida A&M, the Lady Bison basketball team will look to rebound into the win column as they face the Lady Eagles of University of Maryland Eastern Shore on Monday.

The Lady Bison dropped a close road game in Tallahassee (7-11 overall, 5-5 MEAC) last Monday, 68-61. Leading comfortably 28-21 at the half, 6'2" senior forward Ariel Towns tied the game 45-45 on a lay-up in which she was fouled. Towns capitalized on the extra point opportunity at the foul line and put the Lady Rattlers up 46-45 with 6:03 left in the contest.

The Lady Bison had to step up their play in the second half as Lady Rattler Quidara Russell scored 21 of her game high 26 points. Russell, a 6'0" senior guard/forward, along with Towns, scored a total of 50 points and managed 29 rebounds to outscore Howard 34-47 in the second half and out-rebound the Lady Bison 60-48 in the game.

The gap remained close with one minute remaining in the game as Lady Bison guard, Brittney James, hit a three-pointer and cut the Lady Rattler lead 64-61. However, FAMU shattered Howard's chance at a win converting 14 of 17 from the free throw line in the second half including the final four points of the game.

In the loss to FAMU, four Lady Bison finished in double figures including big numbers from the Howard backcourt led by senior center Andrea Jones. Jones had 10 points, 11 rebounds and sophomore center/forward Melloni Benson finished with 13 points and 10 rebounds. Team leader and heavy scorer, Daisha Hicks, was held to six points less than her average of 17 per game.

In the second meeting between the two, the Lady Bison will take on UMES on Monday Jan. 7 in Burr Gymnasium. Howard defeated the Lady Eagles 86-70 in early December. However, the Lady Bison have since hit a wall and the losses have been building.

Junior guard, Toni Kennedy, who averages 11 points per game and put up 13 against Howard in their first meeting, leads UMES. The lady Eagles are in a tight race for a top three spot in the MEAC standings along with Howard and Norfolk, with each team carrying five wins or more.

Lady Bison Take On 2-A-Day Preseason Training Format

BY COURTNEY EILAND
Asst. Sports Editor

The Lady Bison lacrosse team is looking to turn around an upsetting 2-13 overall record from last year. As of now, the team has been dedicating itself to strenuous pre-season training and conditioning to better accomplish that goal.

"There's always room for improvement, but I think we're going at a good pace. It definitely has not been easy with us moving on to two-a-days," explained sophomore defender Shannon Morris.

"So far we've been doing sets of sprints, timed miles, stick work, footwork and scrimmaging. You leave feel-

ing tired but it's all worth it."

Sophomore attack wing Iram Abdullah agrees that going to two-a-day is more strenuous. "Two-a-days are difficult, but it's helping us become a stronger team. You can see changes in the individual and as a team."

After losing senior players Anisha Malik, Kelley Chatman, Eva Okereke and Maya Watkins last year, this year's team has already found current players to fill their shoes.

"You could always count on Eva for taking it to the goal all the time. On the offense, no one has really stepped up in her place, but defense as a whole has stepped up; a lot more intensity is definitely there," said Morris, who is

nicknamed "leader of the defense" by Coach Vaughn.

Abdullah stated, "We lost a pretty strong goalie from last year (in Maya Watkins), but we still have Shatarah (Ramirez), who is a lot stronger this year. Our defense is pretty solid with Ife and Shannon and now we have two new freshmen, Sasha and Alonha, who contribute to the defense."

Abdullah also outlined the team's strengths on the offensive side of the ball, "I'm looking forward to playing alongside and seeing progress in Candice (also a freshman), and to see her grow as a player."

Last season, the Lady Bison had a shooting percentage of 41.8 and a shoot-

ing on goal percentage of 79.3. The team also averaged 25.1 shots per game, 39 assists per game and had a total of 157 goals. Improving as a team means improving in all these aspects.

Sophomore attack wing Dominique Browner led the team in goals, assists and points. Browner had a total of 31 goals along with 14 assists totaling 45 points. Other key statistics include a total of 53 shots while averaging a shooting percentage of 58.5.

Morris led the team last season with a shooting percentage of 64.

Although her primary position is on the defense, Morris often goes back and forth contributing to both the offense and defense of the team. Improving this

transitional play can only help the Lady Bison be successful.

"For this season, I expect us to come together as a team and win, especially our home games. I hope that we get the recognition of being a good team. We have had our problems but we have been overcoming them pretty nicely," Abdullah said.

Morris agreed saying, "Some wins would be great, but I hope we have an overall improvement as a team and have a chance to show off our skills."

The Lady Bison will first face American University in a scrimmage Reeve's Field in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, Feb. 19.



We have lift-off: Daisha Hicks and the Lady Bison are eager to rebound against UMES.

In the last face-off between Howard and UMES, Hicks had just started her run at the MEAC player of the year honors, but she managed to drop 20 points, including 3 of 4 three-pointers, on the home team. Senior forward Simone Agee had 16 points and junior guard Britney James was also in double figures with 14 in that game. Howard's bench came up big in the first win as nine players contributed to the score, four of which were non-starters. The early season win over UMES was the first MEAC triumph for the Lady Bison and the fourth win in the team's six-game winning streak.

Hicks believes that game time will present the Lady Bison with their toughest task. "It's a matter of playing hard. You can do a scouting report for every game; our coaches do a great job of preparing for each team but if we don't execute it doesn't matter. It's about us maintaining confidence and executing the game plan."

Upcoming UMES Game Presents Second Chance for Bison

BY KONAHE JERNIGAN
Hilltop Staff Writer

The Men's Basketball team has changed for the better and hopes to begin anew with the start of the second half of the MEAC season. This Monday, Feb. 7, 2005, the Bison face University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES). Pulling off a win on Monday will break the Bison's losing streak and showcase their recent transformations as a team.

Since last playing the Hawks, the Bison have undergone injuries, roster changes and a very positive reformation. The confidence and mental solidarity that has been absent on Howard's team has been found.

Freshman forward Sidney Nickleson said, "Everyone has stepped up in their position. We've come together as a team and now have a basic understanding of each other's game."

Freshman guard Christian Murphy agreed with Nickleson. "We're encouraging one another, playing together more, and have more faith in each other," he said.

Their most recent game against Florida A & M University is physical evidence of the team's metamorphosis. The team lost by three points, an improvement from past losses, which have been by an average scoring margin of eight or more points.

While in Florida the Bison got off to a good start and ended the first half with a six-point lead. The second half proved to be a free throw shoot out; a battle the Rattlers won. The Rattlers outscored the Bison during the second half: 33-42. Howard shot 45.8 percent overall, 36.8 percent from the 3pt range, were 65 percent from the free-throw line. Leading scorers Cliffone Ault and Will Gant both reached well into double digits, while Jason Trotter obtained his first career double-double.

Head Coach Frankie Allen said, "Though it was a loss the team played a lot better." Coach Allen also commented on the team's improvement of problems that worked against the team during the season. He said, "Our transition defense has improved, especially in our last game. The team made good decisions and rebounded well. Overall we played a good game against FAMU."

Sophomore guard Cliffone Ault agrees with coach Allen. He said, "We're starting to come together and play harder. We're trying to get on a winning streak. We just have to be consistent, play hard, and stay together."

The Bison's game on Monday will prove to be more of a challenge for the Hawks than for Howard. The last time the two teams met the Bison pulled off a 20-point victory.

UMES has had a difficult season only pulling off one early win; they are currently 1-18 over-

all and 0-9 in the MEAC. Their scoring margin is negative 25 and they average 22 turnovers per game.

Statistically the Bison look slightly better than UMES. They are currently 5-13 overall and 2-7 in the conference. Howard's scoring margin is a negative eight and they are averaging about 16 turnovers per game.

Despite UMES' disheartening season-records and stats, they have a strong post game lead by 6'11 center, Jason McKinnon and 6'9 center, Tim Parham. Howard will have to balance UMES' post game with their strong perimeter game.

The Bison have a new outlook and hope to have a new and improved second half of conference play. Murphy said, "We're a different team. Based on our last performance, we played a good game; we just need to fix a few mistakes. We'll win on Monday if the improved and strong team that played in Florida shows up."



With Will Gant back in the fold, the Bison are looking to improve on offensive output and break their losing streak.

Howard Hopes to Implement Sports Management Major

BY ZACHARY KENWORTHY
Sports Editor

In a move that was aimed to jumpstart the implementation of a new undergraduate sports management course at Howard, a contingent of university faculty visited RFK stadium last week.

The plan is to create an undergraduate program specifically under the field of sports management, a line of work that is increasingly creating opportunities in the district and throughout the nation.

Howard University already boasts a graduate program in sports management, but the move to include an undergrad program allows an increasing number of students to gain the experience. The opportunities could prove endless.

"The most encouraging thing is that it is parents and professionals who have been contacting us about this program," explained Dr. Gwendolyn Davis, chair of Howard's Health, Human Performance and Leisure Studies Department. "This is a viable program and a very viable field," she continued.

Davis also explained that a sports administration minor is already in place here at the Mecca, but that a major in sports management would fill a void with an exciting task-oriented program.

The initial phases of putting together the package is under way, but much work has to be done if the program is to get approval from the College of Arts and Sciences.



The Health, Human Performance and Leisure Department met with Li Thompson of the D.C. Sports and Entertainment Commission at RFK Stadium last week. The implementation of an undergraduate sports management major can give students opportunities in sports.

"We have to package it and figure out the right courses and guidelines," Davis said. "But we already have the faculty in place and that's a big step."

As Davis and a small contingent visited D.C.'s RFK Stadium last week, they met with Li Thompson of the DC Sports and Entertainment Commission. Thompson, who is the assistant sta-

dium operations manager at RFK, has been working with avid young students from Howard over the years and is adamant that the timing is right for the implementation of the program.

"The timing is perfect and with baseball coming back to D.C., it makes Washington a prime city," Thompson assured. "Hampton University and Temple are two other universities that we

have helped out with, but this is long overdue at Howard."

Thompson also stressed that sports management is not so much the work in the classroom but should strike a fair balance between the books and actual fieldwork. Opportunities for young, avid sports enthusiasts are generally geared to task-oriented internships at various professional outfits throughout the country.

Here in the District, one has the pick of the lot with the Washington Nationals, Washington Redskins, Washington Wizards and D.C. United all playing a huge role in the sporting landscape.

"Sports management is intrinsically who you know," Thompson explained. "So many young people don't know that there are careers beyond throwing a ball and running with a ball. They need to learn about the opportunities and the only way the program can grow is by utilizing input from people in the right places."

The university undoubtedly plans to utilize every possible opportunity, which include Thompson and the D.C. Sports and Entertainment Commission. For years, the commission has been providing opportunities for internships and job opportunities.

"She has a big responsibility as one of the few African-American women in a leadership role in professional sports. She has been promoting opportunities for Howard students for years," said Davis of Thompson. "This program is not in place yet, but the groundwork is in place."

Nationals Say Hello to D.C.

BY MIKE HOLMES
Contributing Writer

After much hype and a lot of delays, baseball is finally in D.C. On Wednesday, the Washington Nationals gave D.C. the chance to meet the team they've been waiting over 33 years for.

The team sponsored a meet and greet/autograph signing at ESPN Zone in downtown Washington.

Starting pitcher Zach Day; relief pitcher Chad Cordero, former Angel left fielder Jose Guillen and 2001 All-Star Christian Guzman all came out to meet fans and sign autographs. Jim Bowden, the Nationals General Manager was also in attendance.

Fans who arrived early were privy to a media question and answer session. The players and the GM were center stage, surrounded by at least 40 different cameramen and reporters.

Day and Cordero sported the Nationals away jerseys and caps (navy blue with the white "w"). Guillen, Guzman and Bowden all wore the home jerseys and caps (red with the white "w"). They all appeared to be in good spirits and genuinely happen to be among the fans and even the members of the press.

As reporters asked how the players liked the city and photographers climbed chairs to snap shots, the excited chatter of the fans began to resonate the need for baseball in D.C.

"I'm a sports fan, I like having a local team to go for," said District native David Stracener.

For fans such as Garry Markwood from Silver Spring, this day marks the homecoming of a tradition that was part of his youth. "I was 19 when the team left. It's great to have baseball back," Markwood said.

It's not only Washington, D.C. natives that are

excited about baseball returning to the nation's capitol.

Adam Murphy, a George Washington University student from New York, is definitely excited about the return of the baseball to the District. "It's going to be a lot of fun to take the Metro to a ball game. It doesn't get any better than that," Murphy said.

Around 1p.m., the Q & A session ended and the fans, as well as the players, went down to the second floor for the autograph signing.

The fans went down first with an array of items to sign. The most popular being Washington Nationals baseballs. Any item that was signed could be authenticated on the spot.

Jose Guillen was the first to enter the dimly lit room, followed by Chris Cordero, Chris Guzman and finally, Zach Day. A flock of reporters, photographers and unidentifiable men in Brooks Brothers suits soon followed.

As baseball cards and balls were signed, pocket schedules were handed out to all in attendance.

The hype surrounding the return of baseball to Washington has brought the question to many: What about this season? With hockey M.I.A. and the return of Joe Gibbs being a little less than disappointing, is there added pressure for the Nationals to have a strong season?

"No. The Expos were the worst team in baseball. If they win 85 [or] 90 games, even make the playoffs I'll be happy", said George Washington student Phil Zeeck. Stracener felt the same, "The majority of the people here are baseball fans. They know the Expos. They can't expect a complete turnaround overnight", he said.

However this season may turn out, it is clear that the fans plan to enjoy every minute of it.

The Washington Nationals will kick off their season on April 3, 2005. For tickets and info call (202) 675-NATS.

Where the Party at: HU Students Make Plans for Super Bowl Sunday

BY TOMI AKINMUSURU
Hilltop Staff Writer

Where were you when the Janet Jackson/ Justin Timberlake fiasco occurred? Whether you were in your dorm room, your friend's house, or at some random sports bar or club, you saw it unleashed.

Due to the events of last year's affectionately dubbed "Nipplegate", Sunday's half-time performer is Sir Paul McCartney of the nostalgic Beatles. Though the half-time entertainment has dramatically changed, Howard University students will be doing the same thing: enjoying the game with friends.

Many of the older members of the Howard University student body have opted to go to more "sports savvy" and "refined" venues such as Hooters or ESPN Zone, each place boasting a friendly but highly charged atmosphere. These two places are definitely high up on the list of places to watch the game for many people all over the Metropolitan area.

Hooters, a world renowned for its amazing wings, pretty girls, and great sports atmosphere, is not having an outright Super Bowl party. They are doing the same thing they do every year: having a regular day of business.

"Feb. 6 is just another day of the year as far as we're concerned. Of course, there are some perks for coming to Hooters on Super Bowl Sunday," said Raquel, a Hooters employee.

The restaurant will be operating on a first come first serve basis, and no tickets will be necessary. However, sprinkled throughout the night will be a couple of giveaways.

"I know that there will be a \$50,000 prize, and I know we'll also be giving away a 42 inch television. The only thing I can tell people is to get there early, and to eat lots of wings!" Raquel concluded.

The ESPN Zone, known for its "always sports" focus is the priority for many die-hard football fans. Unfortunately for the majority of Howard students, it will be catered especially to the 21 and older crowd. As there is a huge demand for people that want to get in, they will be handling things a little differently.

"We will be handing out tickets at 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 4, and they will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis. Once the doors open on



Marlene Hawthorne - Staff Photographer

ESPN Zone is one of many popular spots that will be packed to the hinges with crazed fans this Super Bowl Sunday. Other students opt to go to house parties or watch from home.

Sunday, there will be a division between people in the screening room, and people that will be dining in the rest of the restaurant," said Natisha, a worker at ESPN Zone.

The only downside for some is the charge attached. To remain in the screening room, there is a \$15 food and drink limit per person, per hour and you must be 21 or over. For those that don't understand, it means that you have to spend at least \$15 on food and beverages each hour for the duration of your stay in the screening room.

The upside of the pricing is that people who do not sit in the screening room only have the \$10 stipulation for the day.

If you feel that you cannot meet the demanding prices of other places, there is always one place that students and staff alike will flock to: their homes. For some it may be an off-campus living space, and for others it may be an on-campus dormitory. This is the logical choice for the majority

of college students.

"Some of my friends from Philly are planning on going back home to watch the game in the city, but I think that I'll be watching it in the comfort of my friend's dorm room," said freshman psychology major Janell Harmon.

Harmon, a member of the Philly Club wished that the Club was having a major tailgate party at Howard. "I know that it's hard to coordinate everyone's schedules, but I think it would've been nice to have a get together on campus," she said.

Graduating senior, Lauren Crisler, decided that she'd watch the game at her friend's house. "I've tried to do the 21 and up scene for these types of events, but truthfully, for me it's more about whom you see the game with than the actual game," Crisler said.

Regardless of where you'll be when the Patriots and Eagles square-off, make sure you are with the people that you want to be with, and hope that your team wins.



Mike Holmes - Contributing Photographer

Chris Guzman, Zach Day and Jose Guillen sign baseball and other memorabilia this past Wednesday at ESPN Zone. A frenzied crowd packed the lower level during the meet and greet session. Guzman is sporting the team's home jersey while Day sports the away colors.

Students Living the Goodlife

BY JANA HOMES
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Most people want to live the good life, but only a select few can make a business out of it.

This is exactly the case for the approximately 25 members of goodlife incorporated, which brings together a collection of students from Howard University, George Mason, the University of Maryland, Georgetown University and George Washington University.

"When we became a business, we thought 'business is good, but we want to deal in the one commodity that the world will never run out of, people. A commodity is something other people want and people will always need people,'" Ghasri said.

The executive board includes graduate economics major Tehran Ghasri, junior social work major Mitra Shariari, senior marketing and economics major Detta Zewdu, all students at George Mason.

The bunch is rounded out by Bison students Ricardo Jones and Kalu Ugwuomo, both junior telecommunications majors.

The interestingly named corporation specializes in an equally interesting market.

The group, which was started in 2003, has been responsible for several projects, including the P. Diddy affair at Fur, the R. Kelly event at The Muse, Campus Pal Freshman Week, and various community based projects, including "Skate or Die," a fundraiser for the Boys and Girls club of Washington, DC.

Despite the work that they do in the community, they maintain that they are not a



charity organization.

"We may do charitable things, but that's not our sole purpose," Ghasri said. However, the work that the organization does in the community cannot be denied.

"We give people an opportunity to expand and practice their specific talents and become a part of a social network," Ghasri said.

Though they are involved in many activities within the community, goodlife incorporated does not strictly deal in community enrichment projects. Many students may know the name from the multiple parties organized by the group.

They make it clear that the corporation prides itself on not falling into the pitfalls of the mundane that other groups tend to fall into. The company makes it a point to generate a wide

variety of projects and attempts to break the mold.

"I would say the creative drive is to be different. We don't wanna be like anybody else. That drives us to not be the standard of what everyone else is doing and it pushes us to be ourselves," Jones said.

"We like to go around and see how other people do things. And not just Black people, a whole lot of people. We see what other people are doing. We like to see how different types of environments work," continued Jones, who is adamant about the fact that the group is not just a vehicle for promoting parties.

"This is not just a promotions team, promotions is the smallest avenue of everything we do. It's really only for self-marketing," said Ghasri, who also emphasized the other dif-

ferences between goodlife incorporated and other groups.

Jones contended, "A lot of people can pass out the flyers for the club. That's not what we do and it's not what we wanna' do. We have our own vision. It's a different vision and it's beyond clubs and all that."

"We don't throw parties at the same venues as everyone else. A lot of our venues are random and they're places you would never think of for an event," Ghasri said.

This is the case with their latest project, "The Cotton Club: A Night on The Red Carpet," presented by the School of Communications Student Council, scheduled for Apr. 1 at the Galleria.

The group is planning this in a series of upcoming events to "[give] everyone a taste of the goodlife."

Howard U. Paraphernalia Offers Style and Substance

BY BRADLEY WETE
Contributing Writer

The clothing at the Howard University Bookstore, or the HUB, as it is affectionately known, serves many purposes. A number of students use Howard's clothing to meet seasonal needs, set trends, show their school spirit and pride or as lounging apparel.

Junior nursing major Christina Spalding uses Howard clothing as a medium between being stylish and comfortable. "They feel good," Spalding said. "On days when I don't feel like wearing jeans, I'll just throw on a Howard sweat suit and I'll be ok to go to class."

Operations Manager for the HUB, Donna Morris-Powell, is responsible for the fashion ideas and concepts for Howard University clothing. Morris-Powell says that the most popular items really have not changed much recently.

"A lot of students are wearing our pull-over and zip-up hoodies," Morris-Powell said.

Junior film production major Yasmeen N. Howell's latest buy from the bookstore was a black knit winter hat. "I have about six things from the bookstore," Howell said. "Some of the clothes are for fashion and some are for lounging around."

Though many would like to own a couple clothes from the bookstore, few can afford the more popular items.

Sophomore psychology major Jason Wallace admits that he would rather have money to eat than to spend on things at the bookstore.

"The bookstore is extremely expensive, especially for a student on a budget," Wallace said. "I can either eat something or I can buy a Howard hoodie, so I pick food."

Spalding agrees. "At the beginning of the school year, the bookstore is expensive,"

she said. "I usually wait for the end of the semester, when they start discounting things, to buy Howard clothes."

Morris-Powell insists that the bookstore's prices are a reflection of the quality of the products. Because of the extensive designs and materials used create the clothing, the cost is what some may say is too much.

"Regular retail stores charge the same amount of money as we do for similar products. If students want style and to be different and look good, then they have to be willing to pay the price for that," Morris-Powell said. "Our clothes will last. You won't have to buy something this year and come back again to get the same thing."

Monique Mozee, marketing manager of the bookstore thinks that students should look at the bookstore the same way they look at a retail store off campus.

"It all depends on what you are willing to spend your dollars on," Mozee said. "Students spend a lot of money on non-collegiate clothing. In our focus groups, students say that our clothing is something that they would wear at the mall and in some cases, even to the club."

Many students that have Howard clothing use it to display their pride and esteem for their school. Wallace, a California native proudly wears his Howard clothing more when he is at home.

"It is a lot more special when I wear it at home," Wallace said. "People stop me and ask 'Excuse me, do you go to Howard University?' I am proud of that."

"I love my school," Spalding, a New York native, said. "If it's anything that has Howard's name on it and looks good, then I'll wear it. It feels good to go back home or to another college representing a school with a name that is held in high regard."

New York Exhibit Traces Migration Patterns of African-Americans Throughout History

BY ERICA WILLIAMS
Life & Style Editor

Many would consider a move from New York to Atlanta as simply a change of environment or even a change in pace.

However, after engaging in an exhibit at Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, in New York, N.Y., some might look deeper into the migration of African-Americans.

The exhibit, "In Motion: The African-American Migration Experience," presents a new way to look at the migration of African-Americans in order to change different aspects of themselves and even their worlds.

The exhibit was a three-year project that cost \$2.4 million. The exhibit chronicles 400 years of African-Americans on the move. The exhibit includes the people, the places and the events that shaped the past, the present and the future of 35 million African-Americans.

Howard Dodson, director of the Schomburg Center said the exhibit "is probably the largest single documentation of the migrations of all people of African ancestry in North America."

"This is a huge story," Dodson told The New York Times. "This will serve as a catalyst for the continued re-thinking of who the African-American community is. For the first time, here's a project that explores the extraordinary diversity of the African-American community. This is organized around 13 migrations, two of them involuntary: the domestic slave trade and the trans-Atlantic slave trade."

According to the exhibit, of the 13 migra-

tions that formed and transformed African America, only the transatlantic slave trade and the domestic slave trades were forced.

In the other migrations, African-Americans voluntarily moved in efforts to change their lives. Because of their survival skills and efficient networks, they were able to move to other regions. These journeys changed their lives and the history of migration.

While the exhibit highlights the history of migration as it dealt with slaves and former slaves, it also captures the migration among African-Americans in today's society. Many would be surprised to know that in recent years, twice as many African-Americans have moved from the North to the South as from the South to other regions.

According to the Schomburg Website, from 1995 to 2000 approximately 680,000 African-Americans moved to the South and 330,000 left, for a net gain of 350,000.

While most communities in American society trace their origins in the United States to one or more migration experiences, there are many myths about African Americans, the slave trade and migration. The exhibit attempts to dispel these myths while leaving those who attend with a gen-



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eral knowledge of the reasons and cycles of African-American migration.

Researchers for the project included scholars from various universities including the University of Chicago, Columbia and the University of Delaware.

According to Dodson, the research topics included "the movements of Blacks out of the United States to places such as Liberia, Trinidad, Canada, Haiti and Mexico, the 19th-century migration north of both free and enslaved Blacks and the migration of Blacks in the West and even the journeys of runaway slaves. Some said their findings were surprising or at least tweaked conventional theories."

Funding for the project came in part from a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, a federal agency, through the efforts of the Congressional Black Caucus and U.S. Representative Charles B. Rangel, D-N.Y.



Maya Gilliam - Senior Photo Editor

Sweatshirts and hats are only some of the many apparel items that Howard University's bookstore has to offer.

Super Bowl Sandwiches

INGREDIENTS:

1 1/2 pounds ground beef
1 cup chopped onion
2 cups shredded cabbage
1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
2 teaspoons finely chopped fresh garlic
1 pinch crushed red pepper
1/2 cup ketchup
2 cups shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
2 (1 pound) loaves frozen bread dough, thawed
1 egg
1 tablespoon milk
coarse salt and cracked black pepper

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). In a skillet over medium-high heat, brown ground beef, and drain excess fat. Reduce heat to medium, and stir in onions, cabbage, parsley, garlic, red pepper, salt and black pepper. Cook until cabbage has wilted. Remove from heat, and stir in Cheddar cheese and ketchup.

Divide each loaf of thawed bread dough into four equal pieces. On a lightly floured surface, roll each piece into a 6-inch circle. Place about 1/2 cup of the beef mixture onto the center of each one. Carefully pinch together the edges to seal. Place buns seam side down on a lightly greased or nonstick cookie sheet. Whisk together egg and milk with a fork. Brush the tops of the buns with the egg mixture and sprinkle with coarse salt and cracked black pepper.

Bake for 25 to 30 minutes in the preheated oven, until nicely browned. Serve hot with condiments of choice.

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New Study Offers Keys to Making Relationships Work

BY SHANAE L. HARRIS
Contributing Writer

Students on campus manage their time each day with classes, extra-curricular activities and work. For some, an added responsibility to this list is relationships. Yes, this word does exist on the Howard campus although perhaps not in abundance. The question is: How do those challenged with a relationship, in addition to their other expectations as full-time students, help their relationship survive?

A study provided by Psychology Today gave incite from various relationship psychologists on what makes a long-term relationship grow and prosper. A trio of New Zealand psychologists studied and assessed how important romance, passion and communication were in a relationship.

Sophomore film major Julian Kimble agrees that these three things are important in making a relationship work along with a good, solid friendship. "Before all of those things, a friendship should come first because it gets rid of a lot of the early awkwardness between the two people," he said.

Like Kimble, sophomore computer information systems major Rahson Taylor thinks that friendship is a key ingredient to relationship building. "Me and my 'wifey' are like best friends and are able to

talk about everything together. This is what makes me confident [that] we will last," Taylor said.

The article addresses friendship as well saying, "you should listen, truly listen, to your partner's concerns and complaints without judgment. Much of the time, just having someone listen is all we need. It opens the door to confiding. Look at things from your partner's perspective as well as your own."

Being college students, it can become difficult to balance daily agendas and manage time for a relationship. In the Psychology Today article, researchers claimed that human beings crave intimacy, the need to love and the need to be loved. Yet, as the article stated, people have much trouble doing so.

Some Howard students, on the other hand, seem to think that managing time and relationships can be easily done.

"If you are good at balancing everything and managing your time, I think that a person in a relationship will be fine," said Nicole Reed, a sophomore advertising major.

"If you care about the person, then you'll make it work," agreed sophomore public relations major, Jenea Robinson. Psychology Today suggested that those in relationships "know your needs and speak up for them clearly." Psychologist Hara Marano explained this in saying that, "A relationship

is not a guessing game. Many people, men as well as women, fear stating their needs and, as a result, camouflage them. The result is disappointment at not getting what they want and anger at a partner for not having met their (unstated) needs. Closeness cannot occur without honesty. Your partner is not a mind reader."

John Kennedy, a sophomore print journalism major, is involved in an on-campus relationship, and agrees with the article that people in relationships have to say what they feel in order for the other person to know. "You have to have good communication. A person cannot be expected to assume things, because often times you can be thinking one thing, while your partner is taking it a different way," Kennedy said.

Students that are finding ways to include relationships into their daily lives all have different ways of doing so.

"Ultimately it takes a lot of trust because we're in college and a lot of people believe that it's hard for a relationship to survive, especially at a school like this with such a small male to female ratio," Robinson said.

"I think that the most important thing to do is to always be real, and your relationship will be true and last long," Taylor said.

Black History Profile of the Arts: Don Cheadle of 'Hotel Rwanda'

BY BRITTNEY JOHNSON
Hilltop Staff Writer

Don Cheadle is an award winning actor, screenwriter, saxophone player, singer and stage director. Born in Kansas, the famed actor later relocated to Los Angeles, where he received a Bachelors degree in fine arts at Cal Arts in Valencia, California.

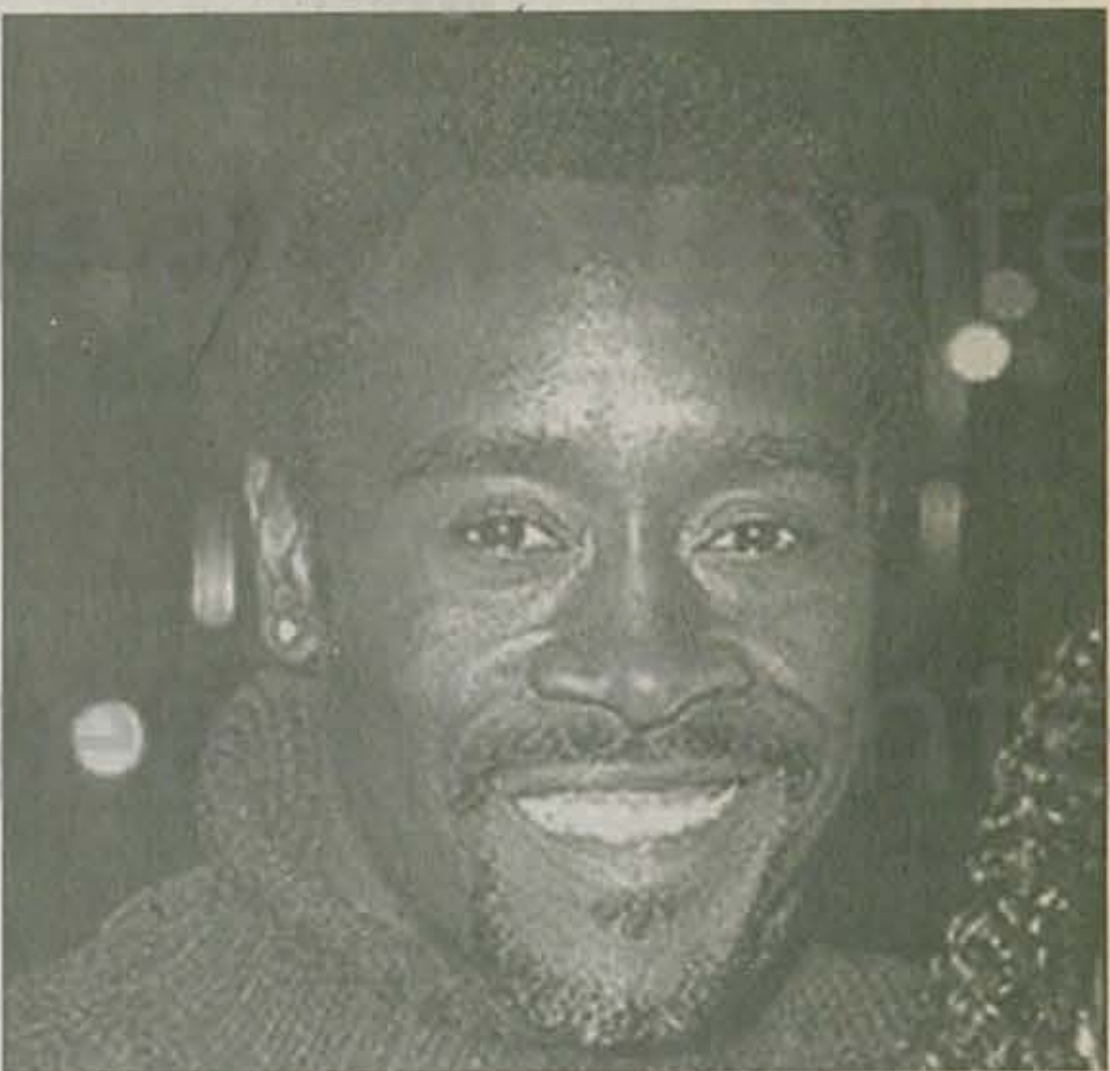
As a student, Cheadle continued to audition for theater and television roles. After capturing a role on "Fame," he went on to showcase his talent in countless television shows and films.

He has received numerous awards for his roles on television and the silver screen including a Golden Globe and Emmy nomination for his portrayal of Sammy Davis Jr. in HBO's The Rat Pack; as well as another Emmy nomination for his role as a teacher in HBO's adaptation of Ernest Gaines award winning novel, *A Lesson Before Dying*.

More recently he graces the movie screen in "Hotel Rwanda," a story about the 1994 genocide in Rwanda. Cheadle stars as a brave hotel manager who protects over 1,000 refugees in his hotel. For his startling portrayal of the Hutu hotel manager, Cheadle received a Golden Globe and Oscar nomination for best actor

Cheadle believed deeply in the story and fought to have the heart-wrenching story appear onscreen. He worked diligently to find financial backing for the project and is now basking in the success of the critically acclaimed film.

Before he starred in "Hotel Rwanda," Cheadle starred in many films including, "Rosewood," "Oceans Eleven," "Oceans Twelve" and opposite Denzel Washington in "Devil in a Blue Dress." He also has an impressive list of television roles including a role on the hit series "Fame," a reoccurring role on "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air" and a two-year part as an attorney on Picket Fences. In addition to his silver screen career, Cheadle remains active in the theater.



Don Cheadle is an Emmy-nominated actor whose credits include "Rosewood," "A Lesson Before Dying," "Devil In a Blue Dress" and "Hotel Rwanda," among many others.

Critics and viewers alike enjoy on Cheadle's ability to choose diverse roles. By acting in dramas, comedies and suspense thrillers, Cheadle demonstrates his unwillingness to be typecast into specific roles as many Black actors often are.

Jasmine Blackmon, a sophomore television production major agreed, "He is so diverse, he doesn't do the same thing in any movie."

Another exemplary quality Cheadle has mastered is multitasking. Not only does he portray many diverse characters in dissimilar productions, he sometimes does them simultaneously. Working on projects, "Ocean's Twelve" and "Hotel Rwanda" may have presented challenges to an inexperienced actor, but Cheadle was able to deliver although the parts were poles apart.

"I really liked him in 'Rosewood.' He added a sense reality to the time period and history. He was so good at making things seem real, I got really emotional," Arnita Hayden, a sophomore computer engineer-

ing major said. Bringing history to life, in movies such as "Rosewood," "A Lesson Before Dying" and "Hotel Rwanda," is the vital component necessary to make a tremendous impact. Many feel that the history of Blacks, centuries ago in America, or recently in Africa, are often neglected or desensitized on the silver screen.

Once again Cheadle has presented a realistic portrayal of the inhumane treatment and courageous heroes in Black history, which existed but are often forgotten or ignored. Many Black movie watchers look forward to these images and, appreciate actors like Cheadle who bring them to life.

"I really want to see 'Hotel Rwanda,'" said Hayden. "I heard it is really real, and really emotional."

His long list of outstanding performances and credibility as a versatile talent have created a strong following of people who crave to see talented Blacks represent their community with pride and compassion.

FASHIONidol OF THE WEEK Omari Lateef Degruy (O.L.D.)



Maya Gilliam - Senior Photo Editor

He walks with an air of confidence, yet his smile greets you with a slight humbleness.

He appears sharp, cool and collected. Many would even say his style screams creativity. So it may be a surprise to hear the junior television production major, Omari Degruy, says he has no style.

"I have no style because my style is my life," said the Portland, Ore. native. "I feel that style is a trend that is inconsistent."

DeGruy, who is also a well-known poet on Howard's campus, admits that he has two sides.

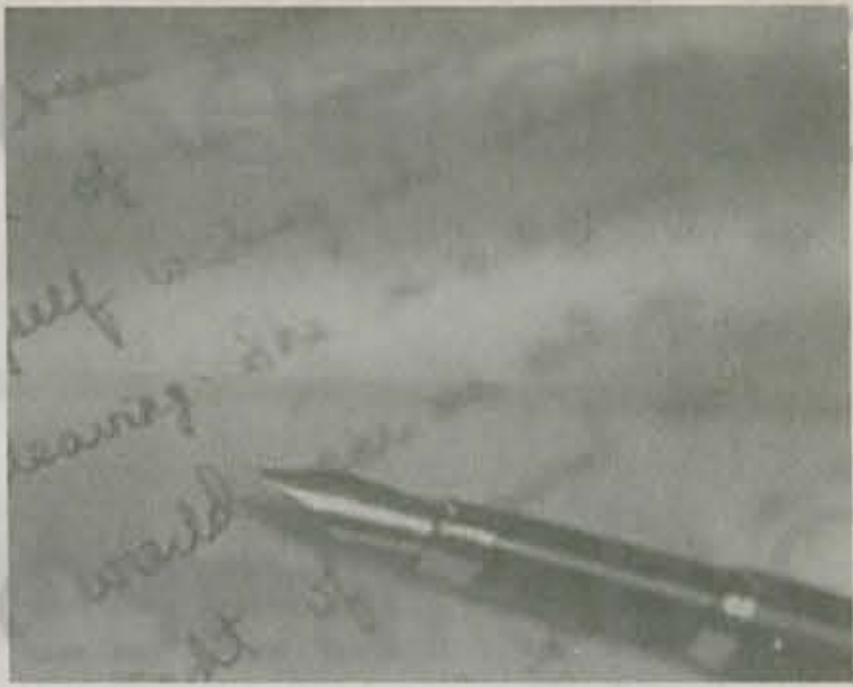
"I am Omari the person and Degruy the poet. Omari the person may know how to dress, but Degruy would consider style as an insult," he said.

"This is my life and it's everything I've lived or seen, so to consider it a style is an insult."

Also known to many students as the barber, "Clips," he jokingly said, "I cut hair so I style other people; but me, I have no style."

By Erica Williams
Life & Style Editor

WRITTEN WORDS



FRIENDSHIP

A ruddy drop of manly blood
The surging sea outweighs,
The world uncertain comes and goes,
The lover rooted stays.
I fancied he was fled,
And, after many a year,
Glowed unexhausted kindness
Like daily sunrise there.

My careful heart was free again, —
O friend, my bosom said,
Through thee alone the sky is arched,
Through thee the rose is red,
All things through thee take nobler form,
And look beyond the earth,
And is the mill-round of our

fate
A sun-path in thy worth.
Me too thy nobleness has taught
To master my despair;
The fountains of my hidden life
Are through thy friendship fair.

BY RALPH WALDO
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Fidget Away the Weight

A new study shows that merely fidgeting can increase the body's ability to burn calories.

Researchers curious as to why some "couch potatoes" are thin, and others are obese conducted a study find the difference. They used 10 thin couch potatoes and 10 mildly obese couch potatoes and made them wear special underwear designed to monitor their activity over a 10-day period. Researchers discovered that some people might be biologically wired to participate in more involuntary activities, such as twiddling their thumbs, than others. The thin group burned an average 350 calories more daily than the obese group.

Blacks More Likely to Have Alzheimer's

Research shows that Blacks are more likely to have Alzheimer's than any other group.

Because previous studies have shown that patients with vascular diseases are more likely to have Alzheimers, there is a great possibility that Blacks are at a greater risk for Alzheimers. Vascular diseases such as diabetes, high cholesterol and hypertension afflict the Black community at higher rates than the whites. Socio-economic problems often keep Blacks from receiving proper medical attention, which allows disease to progress to serious levels. Doctors hope to raise awareness and trust among the Black community.

Exercise Decreases Depression

A study conducted at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center found that exercise helps decrease mild to moderate cases of depression in 20- 45- year-olds.

Researchers determined that 30-minute exercises, three to five times a week, have the same effect as prescribed antidepressants. Many people avoid seeking medical treatment for depression because of the stigma associated with it. Researchers hope that exercise may serve as an alternative approach for those with mild cases.

Popularity of Methamphetamine Grows

Once perceived as only being popular on the West coast, or in rural areas, methamphetamine has crept into major cities across America.

Previously considered a "White" drug, researchers are noticing more use in Black and Hispanic communities. Drug treatment centers are also seeing an increase in female addicts, as well as youth under 18. In addition to its popularity growth, in places such as Washington, D.C., the trend has been linked to an increase in the transmission of sexually transmitted diseases such as HIV.

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Who Will Win the Super Bowl Shuffle?

SUPERBOWL, from Sports B1

Playoff win versus the Rams the week before. Atlanta could only rush for 99 yards on the ground. Falcons star quarterback Michael Vick and running back Warrick Dunn only managed 26 and 59 yards rushing. Vick threw for 136 yards, but had no touchdown throws, an interception and was sacked four times; twice by defensive end Derrick Burgess.

The Patriot Way

After winning Super Bowl XXXVIII last season, many would think that the New England Patriots would have a severe case of hang over and would not perform with the same kind of intensity.

They proved that to be untrue, particularly in the team's Week 1 match-up versus the Indianapolis Colts, who they defeated in the AFC Championship Game to get to the Super Bowl a year ago.

Unlike last year's contest, when the Patriots were able to hold the Colts offense in check, quarterback and Co-MVP Peyton Manning, who threw for 256 yards and two touchdowns, were able to move the ball to the tune of 446 total yards.

Quarterback Tom Brady, however, passed for 335 yards and three touchdowns as the Pats looked sharp and a missed field goal by Colt kicker Mike Vanderjagt gave the Patriots their 15 straight win, dating back to last year.

The Pats used that victory as a springboard to start their season 6-0. Their third victory of the season versus the Miami Dolphins gave them their 19th victory in a row, a new NFL record, which was previously held by the 1972 Dolphins that

went 17-0.

The winning streak grew to 21 straight in their 31-7 win versus the New York Jets. The Patriots were on a roll.

New England, with all of its great fortunes, got a big taste of reality at Pittsburgh, as the Steelers defeated the Patriots 34-20 in Week 8. They not only lost the game, but they lost their cornerbacks Ty Law and Tyrone Poole due to injury. They would both be lost for the remainder of the season - a huge blow to coach Belichick.

Strangely enough, the Steelers defeated both the Patriots and Eagles this season before they fell in the AFC title game.

New England's only other loss in this season was a Monday night setback in Miami where the Dolphins won 29-28.

Subsequently, the Pats won their third AFC East title in four years, clinched the second seed in the AFC Playoffs and a first round bye in the playoffs.

The team's success once again was in part due to a balanced offense and defense. Quarterback Tom Brady completed 60.8 percent of his passes for 3,692 yards, had 28 touchdown throws and only 14 interceptions. Brady's main targets were wide receivers David Givens, David Patten and Deion Branch.

The offense also got a huge boost this season thanks to the acquisition of running back Corey Dillon from the Cincinnati Bengals. Dillon rushed for 1635 yards, which was a New England record for a single season and scored 12 touchdowns.

In the divisional playoffs versus the Indianapolis Colts, the Pats once again put the clamps on one the top offenses in NFL history. The Colts, who averaged 32.6 points per game

during the regular season and lit up the Denver Broncos for 49 points in the wild-card play-off round the week before, were held to a field goal in their 20-3 loss to the Pats. Manning, who passed for an NFL record 49 touchdowns in the regular season, had no touchdown passes.

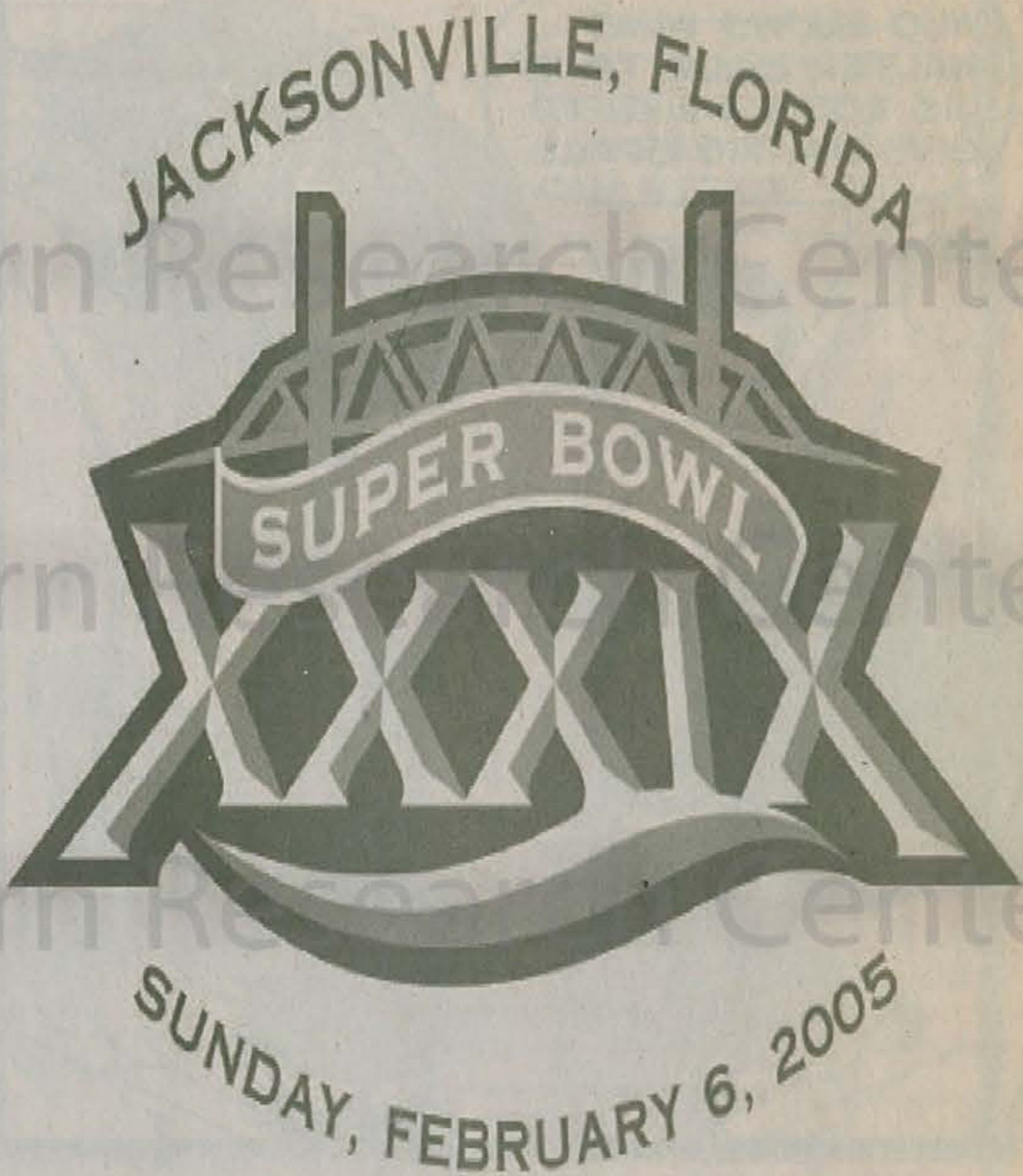
In the AFC championship game at Heinz Field, home of the Pittsburgh Steelers, the Patriots showed the nation who the real champions of the AFC are.

The Patriots offense scored at will against the number one ranked defense in the NFL and rung up a total of 322 yards.

The defense came up with three interceptions against rookie quarterback Ben Roethlisberger: two by free safety Eugene Wilson and the other by strong safety Rodney Harrison, which he ran back 86 yards for a touchdown. That put the Pats up 24-3 and they never looked back, stunning the Steelers 41-27 and helping them to return to the Super Bowl. The win also ran Patriots' head coach Bill Belichick's record to 9-1 in the postseason, tying him with legendary coach Vince Lombardi for best record in the post-season.

On Sunday, two teams will be competing not just for the Super Bowl title, but to make their mark in history. The Pats will try to become the first team in seven years to win back-to-back Super Bowls and the second team to win three Super Bowls in four years.

The Philadelphia Eagles will try to win their first Super Bowl in franchise history and Donovan McNabb will try to become the second African-American quarterback since former Washington Redskin Doug Williams to lead his team to a Super Bowl victory.



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Juvenile Behind "Blaster" Worm Receives Light Sentence

Jeffrey Lee Parson, a 19-year old from Minnesota was using the computer name "tee kid" when he created a variant of the "Blaster" worm that infected and ruined close to 50,000 computers in 2003. He initially pled not guilty then changed his plea to guilty, according to USA Today.

Parson was facing a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. Instead, he will serve 18 months in a low-security prison and 10 months of community service, according to USA Today.

His lawyers said he often isolated himself and rarely left the house. They argued that his parents provided little guidance or support for him. At the Hilltop we think that Parson got off easy due to the whole negligence argument. The amount of criminals that have been neglected is endless, so it is unfair to go easy on Parson.

The computer mastermind also admitted to launching attacks at the Motion Picture Association of America and the Recording Industry Association of America. U.S. District Judge Marsha Pechman said, "Many of the mental-health problems from

out action, not an accident. Think of all the people spending decades in jail for a pound of marijuana. Couldn't some of them have been neglected too?

The bigger picture here is that white-collar crimes tend to get really light punishments.

Martha Stewart's time in jail is short and probably a lot more comfortable than it should be despite her fraudulent stock trading.

It seems like white-collar crimes, which tend to be committed by white people, get lighter sentencing. Even

the household you grew up in contributed to this problem. (The Internet) has created a dark hole, a dungeon if you will, for people who have mental illnesses or people who are lonely."

At the Hilltop, we don't think being lonely or neglected justifies an easy punishment for a crime. Creating a worm to destroy thousands of computers is a well thought

the disparities between sentencing for crack cocaine and powder display some biases in the justice system. Parson might have been lonely and unsupported, but that shouldn't have lessened his sentencing as much as it did. If judges are going to take negligence into account for Parson, it should be applied universally.

Our View:

If judges are going to take negligence into account, it should be applied universally.

KKK Paraphernalia Auctioned in Michigan

A private auction in Howell, Mich. drew a large crowd of people eager to bid on Ku Klux Klan paraphernalia, according to the Associated Press. The bidders could sort through old robes and capes, swords, buttons, patches, books and movies that were once used by KKK members. The robes sold for close to \$1,400 and a knife got a bid of \$400, according to the article. The bidders ranged from anonymous people to representatives from The Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia at Ferris State University, in Big Rapids.

"I felt like I was at a Klan rally at some times," museum curator David Pilgrim said in the article. Local members of the community and the NAACP deemed the event as insensitive and hateful. The town of Howell had only 29 Blacks in the 2000 census. We find the auction unfortunate and alarming, but we feel we need to understand it.

The actions of the Ku

Klux Klan against African-Americans have been lamentable and unfortunate. They have a long-standing history of wiping out our communities, hanging our people and terrorizing us. We have no choice but to feel uncomfortable at the thought of people gathering in swarms to pay for the garments people were wearing while lynching and maiming

tion if the Ku Klux Klan wasn't active today.

However, some of the people who bought paraphernalia might get dressed up and do something terrible after the auction. As much as we'd like to prevent such an occurrence, it is out of our hands. We have no authority to stop people from doing what they want to do.

We also recognize that not every person who bid on the items was racist. As unlikely as it seems, some of the items could be put to good use. Representatives from museums and historians also gathered to add to their historical collec-

tions for the sake of education. Someone could also argue that black people shouldn't be allowed to sell Black Panther paraphernalia, but that would be hypocrisy. There can't be double standards for who can do what. We all have to collectively face things we don't agree with and chalk them up as a part of history.

Our View:

To deny selling rights denies a part of history we have to acknowledge and learn from.

our men.

As much as we want to erase and block that part of our experience in America, we can't do that. The hardest thing to accept is something painful but we will never understand our place in society without confronting the other ugly aspects. It would be easier to accept the auc-

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BET's College Downhill

This is the true story of eight strangers picked to live on a ranch and attend Langston University. They will have their lives taped, to find out what happens when people stop being polite and start being real. Meanwhile, the audience gets real annoyed. We've been introduced to Nafiyis, Israel, Jon, Coti, Stacey, Tanisha, Brittani, and Alva on this season of "College Hill."

Most of us thought last season was disappointing and so did a majority of the press. Our excitement about the first, all Black reality show diminished as we followed the series.

Knowing that "College Hill" and "Real World" are under the same company, Viacom, makes the stark differences in quality obvious.

The sound is muffled, the camera angles are shaky and the episodes are full of stereotypes. This show could have been so much bigger!

Babyface and Tracey Edmonds have too much money to let the show be edited so poorly. We were all interested

to see what season two would entail after seeing so many commercials on BET.

The cast has a unique blend of personalities, which is the perfect formula for arguments, jokes and neck rolls to keep the ratings high. You have the skater guy, who feels outcast by African-Americans and runs

The most frustrating thing about the show is the college part. We rarely see anyone studying or doing anything remotely close to making positive moves in the educational department.

We understand that many universities, including ours, turned down the offer for participating with the show.

We think it's hard for Langston University to represent all HBCUs, but in essence, that is what the school is doing. A majority of the people watching the show

will never get the Black college experience for themselves.

As a result, "College Hill," bears the burden of representation. Young African-American kids thinking about attending an HBCU might think that is what they are in for.

We know each week is going to bring some new drama. We contend that the show is poorly done and could be a lot better.

Our View:

The low-budget series is a blown opportunity to showcase HBCUs.

around flashing the cast.

There is the Christian girl, who gets reprimanded for not wanting to go to the club; the single mother, the jock and the aspiring video model.

If the show is a stew, would those be the best ingredients for the best flavor? Isn't there more diversity among college students than those eight personas?

We think so. It's a sad progression to go from "A Different World," to "College Hill."

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Heartbreak Hotel Rwanda

KAREN D. LAWRENCE

These days it's not often that we come across a movie with substance, one that convicts our very conscience and awakens us from superficiality, forcing us to take a harsh look at ourselves. Such a thing happened to me last Friday when I went with a couple of friends to see "Hotel Rwanda," directed by Terry George (starring Don Cheadle, Sophie Okonedo, Nick Nolte and Joaquin Phoenix, among others).

The director and stellar cast did an awesome job of bringing the story to life. The movie takes place in 1994 during Rwanda's tumultuous political climate. A tribe known as the Hutus committed mass genocide against another tribe called the Tutsis. Cheadle stars as Paul Rusesabagina, the manager of the upscale European Milles Collines Hotel. He brown noses to the United Nations officials and the hotel's other prominent guests in an effort of networking, only to be abandoned by them in the midst of the turmoil when an influx of Tutsis seek refuge in the hotel.

I sat fuming in my seat as the credits rolled across the screen, ruminating over different scenes in the movie. On one hand, the very idea that the Rwandans were left to weather the genocide by themselves without any outside help from the U.S. or the European countries, left me irate. It seems the only time our country—or any other world power for that matter—wants to help another country is when they have something to offer, much like the Rwandan general who refused to help Rusesabagina unless offered a satiable bribe. My ire, however, soon subsided as I recalled the defeated words of United Nations officer Colonel Oliver (Nolte) to Rusesabagina,

"You're dirt. They [America] think you're dirt.

You know why they won't help you? Because you're Black."

In a heated discussion with my friends, one of them remarked that those words were the most poignant and the most significant of the whole movie.

What Colonel Oliver was saying is that although Blacks in the United States were (and still are) looked down upon, society saw them as above Africans. Here's where my anger subsides to shame or, rather, a shameful look into a perspective of us as a people of African descent.

It's funny how we cling to the Eurocentric standard that has been ingrained in our minds and has caused us to hate dark skin, nappy hair and big lips. Yet when a White person does something to upset the Black community, we suddenly want to pull the race card, clutching to the mistreated African slaves from centuries past. I'm not condoning any form of racism; just pointing out the irony.

Even though several we may be separated from Africans by culture and centuries, we still share the same blood. They are our brothers and sisters, and we should be genuinely concerned about them and strive to help them. I often hear complaints about some Blacks moving on up an out of the community and not bothering to give back or help the poor. Are we totally justified in such an argument when we show as much sympathy to the Africans' plight as other apathetic world powers do?

We would rather block the negative images and news out of our minds because we cannot deal with the depressing reality. As the television journalist Jack Daglish (Joaquin Phoenix) said, "When we see it on TV, we say, 'Oh, that's horrible,' and go back to our dinner."

Seeing the adaptation of the Rwandans' plight also made

me realize how blessed many of us are, and how petty we can be. We stress over clothes, males, females, music and the like. Some Blacks detest the police because of racial profiling. Though such experiences are prominent to those who experience them, they seem to pale in comparison with the corruption of Africa's government.

We complain that our government doesn't care about us and tries to cheat us of the American dream. While that may be true, many of us have homes, food and an education—hence our existence at Howard University. The Rwandans, on the other hand, had their homes burned, lives taken and only each other for support. It has been said that even the homeless in the U.S. are better off than many in developing countries.

However, similarities do exist between the Hutus and Tutsis and Blacks in the U.S. For one, there is division among us. We are killing our own people everyday, and when we get to the root of the issue, it's over nothing important. Instead of Hutus and Tutsis, Blacks in the U.S. have drugs, gang wars and innocent bloodshed as a result.

Hip-hop is the voice of this generation, and such a voice is laden with violence, sex, money, drugs and other aspects of the lavish lifestyle. If only the hip-hop moguls would realize the power of their voice and use it for good. Can you imagine the results? If we could wake up from our bling dreams and focus on reality, we'd realize how much power we have to change things. We'd see that those who seem to control the power in several countries are the smallest percent. Yet we cannot see our own prowess when blinded by the bling.

Perhaps Hotel Rwanda will finally make us realize what time it is.



Potato Head Valentine's Day

MAIYA NORTON

Girl he has a really great personality, just needs a good edge up and a new wardrobe. He's absolutely gorgeous but his attitude is a little... well... stinky. He's been hurt before that's why he acts so shady in public. He's nice when we're alone. He's not obsessed with sex; he just thinks I have a great body.

No, that's not his girlfriend, he would have told me. Nah, man she's not a whore, she's just misguided. She's too busy with classes to pay her own bills so that's why I help. Come on, she is cute after the weave and the makeup. That's not fat, its thickness. Her breath isn't that bad. The list of explanations we tend to make for people go on and on and on.

Somehow being honest with ourselves is more difficult than the people we are forcing ourselves to be interested in. At the end of the day, the little black book can be filled with pointless people you have to struggle to find somewhat desirable before dialing their number. What's the point? After a quick glance at the per-

son you are really into but for some reason can't seem to call you back, or having to dodge last semester's love affair in the Punch Out, you can go insane. So what should you do to get by until the right one comes along?

As Valentine's Day swiftly approaches, I asked a large majority of "single" Howard University students how they will spend their Monday. Spirits seem a little low. Wearing all black? Buying yourself roses? I was alarmed at the amount of people even leaving town to avoid seeing couples on the Yard. Treating it as another day? Calling up the ex just for the sake of having a date? Taking your late night situation to a new level (yes, a date)? I applaud those with something substantive, but for the majority don't worry. I have a solution. I call it potato-heading.

As dumb as it sounds it's really basic. When you were little you had a blank person you could add to. Pick the shoes, hair, nose, smile and everything out of the little box to make your ideal potato. You focused on the great qualities though the potato wasn't perfect. You smirked at it

because it was exactly what you wanted. When something got old, you took it off and added something new.

If only it was that easy. But low-key, that's what we are doing. We chill with different people because they add different values to our lives. One person might be physically appealing and the next exercises your mind. He's a challenge you enjoy chasing. She's easy when you don't feel like working. He listens. She talks. He makes you feel beautiful. She makes you feel like a man. Each person fits nicely into a mold of what we are looking for, learning from and waiting on.

This Valentine's Day doesn't have to be tough for everyone because you have the beauty of picking and choosing. It may seem tedious but you could scroll through your cell and set something up. You don't HAVE to be in love to enjoy the holiday (though that's always nice). Think of the people in your life as little plastic pieces, put the right ones together and make dinner reservations. Let me know how your day turns out @ maiyanorton@yahoo.com. Good luck!



Every week I read the front page of the Hilltop and finger through, capturing information from the many stories that are covered. As I move into the sports section, I notice there is something missing. What is it? The missing element is softball. I remember last year wishing we could be captured on film doing a great play or

hitting a game winner, but to my disappointment, there is nothing there about softball. Many people don't even know that there is a softball team and that the games are quite exciting and energetic. Our fans consist of many H.U. students and families that we greatly appreciate, but the bulk consists of people passing by and our neighborhood inhabitants. Our games are announced but for every 10 games announced, there may be one story. People are motivated and informed by what stories The Hilltop prints. Many find out days later about our games and wish would

have known so they could have attended. I wondered whether The Hilltop needed a writer for softball. If that is the case, I would be more than happy to get the information needed or be the writer. I wrote for my high school newspaper three years ago, but I do not believe I have lost my touch. My point is softball is about to open some eyes and Howard will want to see it!

Thanks,

SYMPLEE KAYOTICALLY IN LOVE WITH SOFTBALL

The Shape of Things to Come

UZOMA PETER LANE

I am compelled to write to you again to forewarn you of the danger inherent in allowing the world to proceed as it has. American policy is so rigidly centered on itself that it ignores the rest of the world until there's a problem or a benefit. This is highly destructive. In our world there is a periphery of nations that feed the core. Most conflicts stem either from control or maintenance of this periphery. Poverty is forced on the periphery so that the core can gain resource-

es it does not produce and still make an amazing profit. The core will also engineer strife among outside nations to prevent them from uniting and thus growing stronger. I am afraid this system will slowly lead to a virulent death. The core removes resources from other lands without creating industry. Thus, the people turn to becoming workers for the core to fend of starvation and homelessness. The longer the system stands, the poorer the periphery becomes. But it will not become so quietly, they will rebel and terrorize the

core and all its possessions. This is the world today. What must happen tomorrow is that the core will unite to discipline their workers so as not to risk the collapse of order. The periphery will respond by forming a loose alliance, and a truly horrific conflict will ensue. We must not allow this system to exist any longer. We must focus on our neighbors and grant them the benefit of our intellect and kindness and not our guns and sanctions. Come, let us change things. No one wants to be a slave.

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Mr. Seduction: It was nice... -Ms. Seduction

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